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Dear Member,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to another cricket season and with this 2019 handbook inform you of our activities over the past season and details for the coming season.

The 2018 season was successful on the field when we came so close to winning a first trophy for more than a decade. In the Eastern Division of the Championship we were top of the table with 30 minutes of the season remaining only to be pipped by Lincolnshire. In the KO Trophy we lost the semi-final by losing more wickets than Devon when the scores were tied. The details of all our matches can be found in the following pages of this handbook.

Looking forward to the coming season I am optimistic that the success of last season can be maintained, especially as we welcome the return of Matt Hunn following his release by Kent.

We look forward to home matches in the Championship against Staffordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northumberland and in the T20 competition against Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. Unfortunately we have been drawn away in every round of the KO Trophy competition.

We welcome your support at all our matches and this is much appreciated by the players.

I would like to thank our main sponsors, Greene King, for their continued support and also JLS Catering for their valuable support as match ball sponsors. Sponsorship is so vital in maintaining the structure of our cricket at every level.

This is my 25th year as county chairman and, as usual, I would like to acknowledge the many volunteers who give freely of their time to organise cricket at all levels in the county. The reports and features in this handbook will show the extent of their work.

On a sad note, Suffolk Cricket lost a valuable member when Keith Cracknell passed away suddenly in November. Keith was a former vice-chairman and a main sponsor of the county for several years. Latterly he was chairman and sponsor of Copdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club. A full tribute to Keith is included later in this handbook.

With the loss of Keith and other similar mainstays of cricket in the county, I am concerned as to where the next generation of volunteers is going to come from. Hopefully the clubs seeking such volunteers will be able to fill the gaps in their ranks and continue to form the backbone of grassroots cricket in the county.

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer of cricket.



Yours sincerely

Norman Atkins, MBE,
Chairman,
Suffolk County Cricket Club

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COVER: Kyran Young celebrates his maiden century as Suffolk sizzle in the sunshine - see centre spread.

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Minor Counties Championship Leading Averages 2018

BATTING: Qualification 6 completed innings

Player	County	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
W. Hussain	Berks	8	1	621	192	88.71
S.S. Arthurlton	Norfolk	12	2	822	155	82.20
A. Kervezee	Shrops	11	1	748	166	74.80
A. Barrow	Devon	6	0	417	163	69.50
J. Kendall	Lincs	11	2	622	230*	69.11
J. Bess	Devon	11	1	677	203*	67.70
M. Payne	Bucks	11	3	530	126	66.25
J. Cater	Oxon	8	1	417	114*	59.57
A. Reynoldson	Beds	12	1	606	159	55.09
K. Ali	Staffs	12	1	581	142	52.82
F. Shafiq	Cheshire	10	0	520	207	52.00
B. Shafayat	Lincs	9	2	347	134	49.57
S. Kelsall	Staffs	12	1	526	110	47.82
P. Smith	Cornwall	8	2	282	86 *	47.00
W.J. Evans	Cheshire	7	1	277	73 *	46.17
P. Burgoyne	Heref	10	0	296	66	46.00
L. Kimber	Lincs	12	1	490	137	44.55
D.Brierley	Beds	8	2	266	152*	44.33
R. Zelem	Cumb	11	1	436	86	43.60
S. Davis	Beds	6	0	258	149	43.00
W. Fynn	Shrops	7	0	296	66	42.29
M. Hill	Staffs	9	1	337	103	42.13
M.Khan	Bucks	11	1	414	133	41.40
J. Voke	Wales MC	12	0	493	132	41.08
M. Pardoe	Heref	8	1	284	109*	40.57
A.J. Axon	Herts	7	0	278	112	39.71
T. Morton	Wiltshire	10	2	312	74	39.00
L. Webb	Dorset	12	0	463	76	38.58
R.A.L. Moore	Cheshire	10	0	381	68	38.10
S. Wood	Cornwall	12	0	455	102	37.92
B. Wadlan	Wales MC	10	0	379	126	37.90
S.M. Dutton	Cumb	8	1	264	87	37.71
S. Pearce	Wales MC	10	1	334	98	37.11
H. Smith	Oxon	12	0	444	74	37.00
M.P. Slack	Cumb	8	1	254	82 *	36.29
U. Malik	Wales MC	8	0	290	105	36.25
J. du Toit	Cumb	8	0	288	76	36.00

Player	County	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
Z. Bess	Devon	9	2	248	116	35.43
J. Thompson	Northum	12	1	381	105*	34.64
C.J. Guest	Camb	12	0	407	80	33.92
S. Leach	Shrops	11	0	372	104	33.82
J. Cawkwell	Suffolk	6	0	202	135	33.67
C. Matthews	Wales MC	8	0	269	73	33.63
R. Hussain	Herts	12	1	370	132	33.64
R. Kaufman	Oxon	8	0	268	101	33.50
J.M. Cooke	Herts	6	0	201	79	33.50
R. Aucott	Shrops	11	1	327	126	32.70
B.E.I. Morgan	Heref	10	1	292	147*	32.44
W. White	Cheshire	8	1	225	65 *	32.14
T. Hewison	Northum	10	1	284	101*	31.56
M. Taylor	Beds	12	2	314	118*	31.40
A.P. Mansfield	Suffolk	8	0	249	70	31.13
K.Young	Suffolk	10	0	306	139	30.60
E. Ellis	Dorset	10	1	274	100*	30.44
B.D. Shepperson	Suffolk	10	1	273	58 *	30.33
J.T. Bowers	Camb	6	0	182	103	30.33
B. Dawson	Wiltshire	12	1	333	59	30.27
C.Wilson	Lincs	10	4	181	59 *	30.17
J. Morris	Berks	11	1	299	76	29.90
T. Cant	Northum	11	1	298	70 *	29.80
T.W.W. Rash	Suffolk	9	1	238	59	29.75
G. Andrew	Oxon	12	0	356	72	29.67
J. Mailling	Devon	12	0	352	153	29.33
A. Woodland	Bucks	8	0	233	68	29.13
L. Thomason	Camb	7	0	202	68	28.86
M.A. Comber	Suffolk	9	2	197	59	28.14
A. Simpson	Northum	12	1	309	121	28.09
E. Young	Wiltshire	12	0	336	90	28.00
S. Gumbs	Bucks	8	0	224	62	28.00
G. Darlow	Beds	8	1	196	66 *	28.00
M. Rowe	Cornwall	10	1	251	93 *	27.89
P. Wilshaw	Staffs	11	1	277	111	27.70
D. Leech	Cheshire	10	0	276	112	27.60
S. Davison	Berks	9	2	187	63	26.71
J.E. Southgate	Herts	10	2	207	53	25.88

BOWLING: Qualification: 10 wkts:

Player	County	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Av
P.J. McMahon	Camb	65.1	26	143	13	11.00
A.R. Wilkinson	Heref	37.0	6	125	10	12.50
T. Nugent	Berks	48.2	10	143	11	13.00
M. Pardoe	Heref	62.0	15	191	14	13.64
G. Andrew	Oxon	205.5	47	582	38	15.32
C. Peploe	Berks	333.2	126	664	42	15.81
D.A. Woods	Cheshire	184.2	40	477	30	15.90
W. Fynn	Shrops	146.4	33	417	26	16.04
A.A. Raja	Berks	70.3	17	167	10	16.70
T. Afridi	Wiltshire	227.4	62	615	35	17.57
O. Bocking	Suffolk	133.3	25	456	25	18.24
M.I Hill	Staffs	79.5	8	310	17	18.24
O. Clarke	Oxon	151.3	38	494	27	18.30
A. Willerton	Lincs	202.0	54	588	32	18.38
A. Rishton	Berks	108.0	18	357	19	18.79
M.A. Comber	Suffolk	140.1	33	403	21	19.19
A. Libby	Cornwall	225.4	50	609	31	19.65
M. Rowe	Cornwall	143.0	22	474	24	19.75
B. Phagura	Staffs	122.1	29	401	20	20.05
J. Cantrell	Suffolk	106.5	23	302	15	20.13
M. Khan	Bucks	89.1	19	266	13	20.46
C. Free	Lincs	105.2	28	297	14	21.21
B.Stolworthy	Norfolk	105.3	19	320	15	21.33
B.A.Waring	Herts	187.0	37	559	26	21.50
E. Young	Wilts	94.1	20	259	12	21.58
A. Wyatt	Shrops	125.4	27	433	20	21.65
J. Sykes	Camb	122.3	27	347	16	21.69
W. White	Cheshire	201.5	35	612	28	21.86
A.M. Russell	Berks	56.0	9	223	10	22.30
L. Evans	Wilts	168.1	42	584	26	22.46
M. Rance	Bucks	109.4	13	361	16	22.56
J. Naik	Dorset	222.0	56	638	28	22.79
R.J. Sayer	Camb	163.3	30	547	24	22.79
J. Stephens	Devon	196.2	40	664	29	22.90
J. Bess	Devon	125.4	17	473	20	23.65
A. Watson	Norfolk	152.1	34	437	18	24.28
C. Brown	Norfolk	166.2	43	389	16	24.31
J.A. Beaumont	Suffolk	107.0	19	292	12	24.33
M. Payne	Bucks	89.0	15	317	13	24.38
R. Murray	Wiltshire	111.5	24	406	16	25.38
R. Gordon	Camb	85.0	20	285	11	25.91

Suffolk C.C.C. Championship Averages 2018

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	0	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	10m	5i	C/St
Beaumont J.A.	6	10	0	243	57	24.30	-	1	-	107	19	292	12	24.33	4-21	-	-	2
Bocking O.S.*	4	5	3	32	15*	16.00	-	-	-	133.3	25	456	25	18.24	6-44	1	2	2
Cantrell J.J.	5	8	4	164	43*	41.00	-	-	-	106.5	23	302	15	20.13	4-56	-	-	1
Cawkwell J.L.O.	4	6	0	202	135	33.66	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Comber M.A.	6	9	2	197	59	28.14	-	2	1	140.1	33	403	21	19.19	3-18	-	-	2
Cull M.G.	2	4	0	67	33	16.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foley J.M.*	2	3	1	104	48	52.00	-	-	-	35	4	125	2	62.50	2-59	-	-	3
Gallagher J.W.*	2	3	1	0	0*	-	-	-	2	42	9	132	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ironside D.A.	5	8	0	94	47	11.75	-	-	3	59	9	203	6	33.83	3-48	-	-	1
Mansfield A.P.	6	8	0	249	70	31.12	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40/2
Mickleburgh J.C.	4	6	1	487	173*	97.40	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oxley A.G.	2	3	0	13	12	4.33	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rash T.W.W.	6	9	1	238	59	29.75	-	1	-	165.1	32	515	17	30.29	6-38	-	1	3
Shepperson B.D.	6	10	1	273	58*	30.33	-	1	1	2	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	2
Young K.P.	6	10	0	306	139	30.60	1	1	2	81	11	303	10	30.30	3-38	-	-	4
Sub	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4

*Debut

Suffolk C.C.C. One Day Averages 2018

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	C/St
Ball A.J.	2	2	0	30	27	15.00	-	-	15.2	-	92	3	30.66	3-53	1
Batch D.P.	3	3	0	133	47	44.33	-	-	14	1	45	1	45.00	1-27	2
Beaumont J.A.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cantrell J.J.	2	2	1	0	-	-	-	-	12	2	43	4	10.75	3-21	-
Comber M.A.	1	1	0	18	18	18.00	-	-	7	-	46	1	46.00	1-46	-
Foley J.M.	3	3	0	23	23	7.66	-	-	15	1	58	-	-	-	-
Ironside D.A.	1	1	1	42	42*	-	-	-	3	-	25	-	-	-	-
Mansfield A.P.	3	2	1	25	13	25.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Mickleburgh J.C.	3	3	0	81	39	27.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Moulton-Day K.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moulton-Day W.M.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	18	1	18.00	1-18	1
Poulson J.E.	3	1	0	13	13	13.00	-	-	23	4	90	3	30.00	1-15	1
Rash T.W.W.	3	2	1	39	21*	39.00	-	-	27	4	90	9	10.00	5-34	1
Shepperson B.D.	3	3	2	68	30	68.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Young K.P.	3	3	0	65	44	21.66	-	-	10	-	69	2	34.50	2-69	-

Minor Counties Championship 2018 Final Tables

EASTERN DIVISION	P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
Lincolnshire	6	4	1	1	0	107
Suffolk	6	4	1	1	0	105
Staffordshire	6	4	1	1	0	103
Buckinghamshire	6	4	2	0	0	99
Norfolk	6	3	2	1	0	86
Cambridgeshire	6	3	3	0	0	85
Cumberland	6	2	3	1	0	55
Hertfordshire	6	1	4	1	0	51
Bedfordshire	6	0	4	2	0	39
Northumberland	6	0	4	2	0	37

WESTERN DIVISION	P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
Berkshire	6	6	0	0	0	138
Oxfordshire	6	5	1	0	0	115
Shropshire	6	4	1	1	0	111
Cornwall	6	2	2	2	0	73
Cheshire	6	1	3	2	0	68
Wiltshire	6	2	3	1	0	67
Herefordshire	6	2	4	0	0	66
Devon	6	1	3	2	0	61
Dorset	6	1	4	1	0	45
Wales MC	6	0	3	3	0	39



Immense pride in performance of players

Captain's report by ADAM MANSFIELD



Tymal Mills played for Suffolk in two of their T20 matches last season. The England T20 international is pictured here bowling against Bedfordshire at Bury St Edmunds.

ONCE again, our season started in the winter of 2017. As always, planning for the season ahead was difficult. A number of players were away in Australia and availability of players for the season was still up in the air. However, during this period we were fortunate enough to secure the services of our 2017 professional Jaik Mickleburgh and also the former Kent CCC all-rounder Adam Ball.

Both Andy Northcote and Tom Huggins set out to deliver a pre-season that was based mainly on One Day and T20 formats. With the T20 format relatively new to a number of us, it was important we were prepared for what was going to be a tough new challenge.

As we warmed-up to the start of the 2018 campaign, we played Cambridge MCCU at Sudbury CC. It was great to get back out into the middle and it was also nice to see a Suffolk Young Cricketer, Josh Cantrell, score 92 for MCCU. Our season started at home to our local rivals Norfolk in the first of our Unicorns T20 fixtures. Unfortunately, the day could not have gone much worse with us losing both matches. We were well below par that day, but credit to Norfolk who played some good cricket. It was great to see Tymal Mills back in a Suffolk shirt for the first time in five years and seeing him pass on his knowledge of the game to the Suffolk Young Cricketers during the warm-up shows the great guy he is.

We went into the T20s against Cambridgeshire knowing another poor performance would result in us being unable to qualify for the finals day. Again, we started poorly, losing the first game but it was great to see us bounce back and chase 142 in the second.

Losing three of the first four games led to us needing to win the final four to qualify. We started with Bedfordshire at Bury St Edmunds. The first game was a fantastic advert for Minor Counties cricket. We managed to score 172-8 thanks to 51 from Jake Foley. Bedfordshire's reply went down to the last over. Billy Moulton-Day bowled exactly to his plan and managed to defend 11 and Suffolk won by one run. In

the second, James Poulson ran through their top order with 3-6 to bowl them out for 55 and Darren Batch then led the side home with us winning by eight wickets.

Hertfordshire were in a similar position to ourselves going into the final round of group games. We both knew two wins would still leave us needing results to go our way to qualify. On a difficult pitch, Hertfordshire managed 101-8 in the first match. Moving up to No.4 James Poulson showed how capable he is with the bat to score 68 not out and lead the team home. In the second we under-performed and did not manage to chase 136 which ended our first T20 competition.

The Unicorns KO Trophy was a competition that produced some great memories. We started at Ipswich School against Buckinghamshire. A great opening spell from Adam Ball and Tom Rash kept Bucks down to 191. We knew it was going to be a difficult chase, but Darren Batch led the way again and we reached our target in the last over.

In the quarter-finals we played a strong Oxfordshire side featuring former Somerset and Hampshire professional Gareth Andrew. Thanks to a wonderful spell of bowling from Tom Rash (5-34) we managed to bowl the home side out for 190. Knowing that the pitch at the wonderful Banbury Cricket Club had a little bit in it for the bowlers, we needed a strong start. After the early loss of Jake Foley, Jaik Mickleburgh and Kyran Young put on 78 to help settle any nerves. Then once again Darren Batch and young Darren Ironside saw us home with six wickets in hand. The win meant we had a long trip to Devon for the semi-final. Before the long trip down south, we started our Championship campaign at West Bromwich Dartmouth against Staffordshire CCC, and without our leading batsman in Jaik Mickleburgh it was going to be a tough test. Staffs chose to bat and managed to score 374-8 before we replied with 247.

In the second innings we were behind the eight ball and were set 386 to win. A very disappointing second innings

batting display saw us lose by 185 runs. Although disappointing to lose, Jonny Gallagher made his well-deserved debut and it was a proud moment for me to present my fellow Sudbury CC team-mate with his cap.

After the disappointment at West Bromwich Dartmouth, we travelled to Devon for the semi-final of the KO Trophy. The long trip South started at 8.30pm on Saturday evening and ended with us arriving at our hotel in Exeter after 2am on Sunday morning. A huge thanks must go to the board for providing a coach for us all to travel on and made the journey full of memories.

When we arrived at Sidmouth CC, rain began to fall. With puddles on the outfield, no play looked possible. However, when the sun finally came out the match was reduced to 33 overs-a-side. Tom Rash bowled superbly once again and Devon managed 201 which after D/L reduced their total to 199. The run chase was one of the most exciting I have been a part of. Some huge hitting from our middle order left us needing six off the last over. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and we missed out by one run. I was immensely proud of the lads that made the journey and for the performance they put in.

Back to Championship cricket with Bedfordshire at Bury St Edmunds. Winning the toss, we chose to bat first and managed 291. Tom Rash then produced his best figures for Suffolk in taking 6-38 to bowl Beds out for 105. Jaik Mickleburgh reminded us what we missed at Staffs with an undefeated 173 in the second innings and we set Beds 507 to win. A tough fourth innings saw us bowl 117 overs and we finally bowled Beds out within the last hour of play. Next up was the local derby. Bowling first we restricted Norfolk to 259 and then a second championship century of the season from Jaik Mickleburgh saw us post 385 in reply. Our seamers then produced a superb bowling display and we dismissed Norfolk for 124. This saw us win by an innings and two runs, a performance we needed after our poor showing against Norfolk in the T20 competition. Moving into the second half of the season we started away to Hertfordshire. Our newest recruit Ollie Bocking produced figures of 6-44 and then thanks to a record breaking third-wicket partnership of 262 between Kyran Young and Jed Cawkwell we went into the second innings with a 197-run lead. Again, Ollie Bocking showed why he was on the books at Essex with another five-wicket haul and finished with match figures of 11-92 and again we won by an innings.

Next up was Lincolnshire at the wonderful Ipswich School. Once again, we went into the game without Jaik Mickleburgh which meant a return for Martyn Cull. Former Nottinghamshire professional Bill Shafayat played superbly for Lincs and his first innings hundred put them on the front foot. After a poor batting display that was rescued by Mikey



Suffolk skipper Adam Mansfield (left) presents his Sudbury CC team-mate Jonny Gallagher with a cap to mark his Minor Counties debut in the match at West Bromwich Dartmouth against Staffordshire.

Comber, we were then set 370 in 85 overs. We never looked likely to win, but to keep our hopes up of winning the Championship we needed to come away with a draw. This was achieved thanks to Tom Rash and once again Mikey Comber, who between them batted for 265 balls.

The final game of the season left us needing to win and other results to go our way. Cambridgeshire are always tough opposition, but we will always back ourselves to win if we perform to the best of our ability. On a tough pitch, Jaik Mickleburgh led the way with the bat, but the bowlers fired once again as Cambs were bowled out for 253 and 163 which helped us towards a 106-run win.

The win against Cambs left us needing Cumberland to avoid defeat to Lincolnshire. However, after Cumberland failed to chase a set up total, Lincolnshire won the championship by two points. It was a disappointing end to a tough season. I am extremely proud of the guys that represented the county last season and I could not have asked for a more committed bunch. Huge thanks must go to Toby, Norman, Nick and Neil. They have been a great help to myself and to have their support at every fixture is brilliant. Andy Northcote has been fantastic and is a great man to lead us. Thanks must also go to Tom Huggins, Terry Small, Kemsley Robb and Al Younger who all helped out at some point throughout the season.

I look forward to the 2019 season and I hope we can bring success back to this great county.

Q & A with record breaker Adam Mansfield

Suffolk wicket-keeper Adam Mansfield last season broke Stuart Westley's long-standing record for the most dismissals in a season. Nick Garnham pops the questions...

How did it feel to break a county record that had stood for 40 years?

It's obviously a great honour and hopefully it can stand for a while.

What, if anything, do you know about Stuart Westley, the previous record-holder?

I don't know an awful lot about Stuart, however Suffolk Chairman Norman Atkins has told me how good a keeper he was.

When did you first realise and who told you that you were close to breaking his record?

The first I heard of it was from yourself after the game at Hertfordshire!

What was different about last season compared to other years in terms of why you took so many catches?

A lot of credit must go to the bowlers who, without creating the chance for a catch, the record would not have been beaten.

If anything, the hot weather meant conditions were more batsman-friendly and therefore it should have followed that you would have less catching opportunities than in other seasons?

It should have, but every pitch we played on had a little in it for the bowlers.

Is there one catch that stands out above all the others and, if so, why?

There was a nice one down the legside in Devon off Tom Rash. We needed a good start to settle us down and that's exactly what we got.

You finished the season with a total of 59 dismissals (56 catches & 3 stumpings) across the three formats – an incredible 17 more than any other Minor County wicket-keeper last season. How proud are you of that feat?

Very proud. My family are also very proud which is great.

You only dropped one chance all season – standing up in the Championship match away to Staffordshire – does it rankle you that one got away?

I don't think so. You don't mean to drop catches and not all stick so you just pick yourself back up and go again.

Do you think last summer was a one-off or can you emulate the feat again this season?

Personally, I would be happy with no catches if it was to mean we would win a trophy.

Last season was also your best with the bat for Suffolk. What would you put that down to?



Suffolk skipper Adam Mansfield, who had an outstanding season behind the stumps

Hard work.

Due to unavailability of others you opened the innings – something you do for your club side Sudbury – on a few occasions. Did you enjoy the added responsibility?

I'll bat wherever is necessary for the team, but it is nice to get out there from the start and hopefully start the team off well.

How tough is it to go out and open the innings after you have just kept wicket for 90 overs?

It's something you don't think about at the time, but it also helps having quality batsman around you.

You have been appointed captain for a third successive season. What does it mean to you to captain your county?

For me it's a great honour and something I am very proud to do.

Suffolk came close to success in both the Championship and KO Trophy last season. Do you think 2019 might be the year that Suffolk can finally win some silverware?

I really hope so!

Ex-Kent bowler Matt Hunn returns to Suffolk

MATT Hunn will be available to play for Suffolk in all three formats during the 2019 season.

Hunn, who turned 25 in March, left Kent after five years at the end of last season.

The former Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds opening bowler made just 20 first-class, seven List A and two T20 appearances during his time with Kent.

Hunn, who made his Suffolk debut in 2011 in the same match as current captain Adam Mansfield, returned to the county to take up a full-time post with Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC at the start of January.

He accepted a two-year contract as sports development officer which will also see him play for Copdock in the Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League.

His role will involve trying to increase adult participation as well as continuing to develop the club's Junior section.

Hunn, a Level 2 coach, will coach at all levels in the club as well as carrying out administrative duties while part of his innovative role will involve coaching for the Suffolk Cricket Board and also at Ipswich School.

Suffolk coach Andy Northcote said: "Matt had already agreed to play in the one-day and T20 rounds, but to now be able to secure him for the entire three-day Minor Counties campaign gives us fantastic continuity with the



Matt Hunn pictured outside the home changing room at Copdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club.

new ball throughout the season.

"His experience will certainly rub off on the remaining seamers in the squad which will be exciting to witness."

SUFFOLK CCC FIXTURES FOR THE 2019 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.suffolkccc.play-cricket.com

UNICORNS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE

Sun-Tues 23-25 v **STAFFORDSHIRE** at Copdock & O.I. C.C.

JULY

Sun-Tues 7-9 v Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe

Sun-Tues 21-23 v Lincolnshire at Cleethorpes

AUGUST

Sun-Tues 4-6 v **CAMBRIDGESHIRE** at Ipswich School

Sun-Tues 18-20 v Cumberland at Sedbergh School

SEPTEMBER

Sun-Tues 1-3 v **NORTHUMBERLAND** at Bury St Edmunds C.C.

Sun-Weds 15-18 v Championship Final

UNICORNS KNOCK-OUT TROPHY

MAY

Sun 5 1st Round – v Norfolk at Manor Park, Norwich

JUNE

Sun 2 2nd Round
 Lincolnshire v Cheshire or Northumberland (Match a)
 Shropshire v Cumberland (Match b)
 Herefordshire v Hertfordshire (Match c)
 Cambridgeshire v Norfolk or Suffolk at Exning (Match d)
 Berkshire v Dorset (Match e)
 Cornwall v Buckinghamshire (Match f)
 Wales v Bedfordshire or Oxfordshire (Match g)
 Wiltshire v Devon (Match h)

Sun 30 Quarter Finals
 Winner a v Winner b (Match 1)
 Winner c v Winner d (Match 2)
 Winner e v Winner f (Match 3)
 Winner g v Winner h (Match 4)

AUGUST

Sun 11

Semi-Finals

Winner Match 1 v Winner Match 2

Winner Match 3 v Winner Match 4

Wed 28

Final

UNICORNS T20 COMPETITION

MAY

Mon

6 v Norfolk at Manor Park, Norwich

Sun

12 v **CAMBRIDGESHIRE** at Woolpit C.C.

Sun

26 v Bedfordshire at Dunstable Town C.C.

JUNE

Sun

9 v **HERTFORDSHIRE** at Ipswich School

AUGUST

Sun

25 Finals Day

FRIENDLIES

APRIL

SUN

14 v Essex II at Frinton-On-Sea C.C. (start 12 noon)

Sun

21 v **CAMBRIDGE MCCU** at Sudbury C.C.

2nd XI COMPETITION

JULY

Wed

31 v Norfolk at Manor Park, Norwich

AUGUST

Thurs

1 v **CAMBRIDGESHIRE** at Woolpit C.C.

Thurs

15 v Bedfordshire Away

Thurs

22 v **ESSEX** at Woolpit C.C.

Thurs

29 v **HUNTINGDONSHIRE** at Copdock & O.I. C.C.

Suffolk C.C.C. v Cambridge M.C.C.U.

At Sudbury, April 22, 2018

Competition: Friendly

First match: Toss won by Cambridge MCCU. Suffolk won by 73 runs. Second match: Toss won by Suffolk. Suffolk won by 9 runs

Umpires: N. Pettitt and S. Lilley

Scorers: A. J. Broome and H. Hyde

Cantrell stars with the bat - against Suffolk!

SUFFOLK all-rounder Josh Cantrell produced the stand-out performance in this T20 double-header – for the visitors!

Cantrell, who appeared in two Minor Counties matches in 2016 but did not play the following season, showed how he has matured in the meantime.

He struck 93 from just 46 deliveries in the second match to take the visitors to within ten runs of victory.

Cantrell, batting at No.3, flayed the Suffolk attack for 12 fours and four sixes in his 55-minute stay at the crease. He was eventually dismissed by Jake Wakelin, who claimed three wickets.

Suffolk's 191-3 had been built around Jaik Mickleburgh's 91 off 53 balls which contained nine fours and five sixes.

Adam Ball and Darren Batch both made useful contributions, before Ben Shepperson smashed 37 from 14 balls with three fours and three sixes.



Josh Cantrell, who struck 93 from just 46 deliveries in the second match.

MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J. L.O. Cawkwell	Run Out	53
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Mohammed b Keeping	45
A.J. Ball	b Bulpitt	26
D.P. Batch	Not Out	53
B.D. Shepperson	Not Out	11
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat	
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat	
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat	
J.B. Wakelin	Did not bat	
J.M. Foley	Did not bat	
W.M. Moulton-Day	Did not bat	
Extras (w6)		6
Total (3 wkts) 20 ov		194

Fall: 83 111 149

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Bulpitt	4	0	43	1
J.J. Cantrell	4	0	33	0
K. Sareesh	4	0	45	0
M. Zaidi	4	0	40	0
V. Baja	2	0	12	0
J. Keeping	2	0	21	1

MATCH 1 - CAMBRIDGE M.C.C.U.

A. Greenidge*	c Batch b Foley	35
J. Keeping	c Batch b Ball	0
R. Mohammed	c & b Wakelin	29
V. Baja	c Mansfield b Poulson	6
B. Curran	c Mansfield b Foley	23
J.J. Cantrell	c Moulton-Day b Ball	8
A. Mills	Not Out	9
A. Marsden†	c Cawkwell b Moulton-Day	2
J. Bulpitt	Not Out	1
M. Zaidi	Did not bat	
K. Sareesh	Did not bat	
Extras (lb4, w2, nb2)		8
Total (7 wkts) 20 ov		121

Fall: 1 44 51 101 101 115 119

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Ball	4	0	16	2
W.M. Moulton-Day	3	0	14	1
T.W.W. Rash	3	0	30	0
J.E. Poulson	4	0	23	1
J.B. Wakelin	3	0	19	1
J.M. Foley	3	0	15	2

Suffolk had eased to victory in the first match by 73 runs, after good contributions from Jed Cawkwell (53 off 33 balls), Mickleburgh (46 off 28 balls) and Darren Batch (53 off 26 balls with five sixes).

The home team's 194-3 proved way beyond the students' reach, with Adam Ball and Jake Foley claiming two wickets apiece on their Suffolk debuts.

MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J. L.O. Cawkwell	c Mohammed b Sareesh	9
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Keeping b Handley	91
A.J. Ball	lbw b Cantrell	24
D.P. Batch	Not Out	18
B.D. Shepperson	Not Out	37
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat	
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat	
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat	
J.B. Wakelin	Did not bat	
J. Ellis-Grewal	Did not bat	
W.M. Moulton-Day	Did not bat	
Extras (lb1, w9, nb2)		12
Total (3 wkts) 20 ov		191

Fall: 21 90 144

Bowling	O	M	R	W
M. Zaidi	2	0	12	0
K. Sareesh	4	0	38	1
J. Handley	4	0	31	1
A. Mills	2	0	47	0
J. Keeping	4	0	33	0
V. Baja	2	0	11	0
J.J. Cantrell	2	0	18	1

MATCH 2 - CAMBRIDGE M.C.C.U.

V. Baja	c Rash b Moulton-Day	17
J. Keeping	st Mansfield b Poulson	31
J. Cantrell	c Mickleburgh b Wakelin	93
J. Handley	c Rash b Wakelin	7
A. Greenidge*	lbw b Wakeling	0
R. Mohammed	Not Out	14
B. Curran	Not Out	8
M. Zaidi	Did not bat	
A. Mills	Did not bat	
A. Marsden†	Did not bat	
K. Sareesh	Did not bat	
Extras (b5, lb1, w6)		12
Total (5 wkts) 20 ov		182

Fall: 25 89 143 148 165

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Ball	4	0	27	0
W.M. Moulton-Day	4	0	33	1
T.W.W. Rash	1	0	12	0
J.E. Poulson	4	0	28	1
J.B. Wakelin	3	0	30	3
J. Ellis-Grewal	3	0	35	0
D.P. Batch	1	0	11	0

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

At Woolpit, May 6, 2018

Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: T. Caldicott and S. Cobb

Scorers: A. J. Broome and G. Richardson

First match: Toss won by Suffolk. Norfolk won by 7 wkts. Second match: Toss won by Norfolk. Norfolk won by 8 wkts

Suffolk suffer double defeat in T20 opener

SUFFOLK'S Unicorns T20 campaign got off to the worst possible start with two heavy defeats at the hands of Norfolk.

The visitors outplayed Suffolk in both matches to the extent that they lost just five wickets across both innings.

Suffolk got off to the worst possible start in the opening game, losing Jaik Mickleburgh for a first-ball duck – and it didn't get much better.

Only Darren Batch, whose 37 occupied 32 deliveries, got to grips with the bowling as Suffolk were dismissed for 98.

Steve Marillier scored 49 from 37 balls as Norfolk coasted to victory inside 13 overs. Jake Foley took two wickets and Adam Ball one on their competitive debuts.

Suffolk fared no better second time

around, Jed Cawkwell this time falling to the first ball of the match.

James Poulson top-scored with 17 accrued from 13 balls, Rob Taylor again picking up three wickets as he had done in the first match.

He was also undefeated in both innings, but this time it was the turn of Jason Reynolds, with 41 from 54 balls faced who ensured a comfortable victory with eight wickets and as many deliveries unused. Adam Ball took both wickets to fall.



Adam Ball, who took three of the five Norfolk wickets to fall across the two matches.

MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J. L.O. Cawkwell	lbw	b France	3
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Groves	b Taylor	0
A.J. Ball	c Taylor	b Coote	5
D.P. Batch	st Groves	b Stolworthy	37
B.D. Shepperson	c Reynolds	b Stolworthy	5
T.W.W. Rash	c Taylor	b Stolworthy	11
A.P. Mansfield*†	lbw	b France	0
J.E. Poulson	c & b	Watson	13
J.M. Foley	c Groves	b Taylor	6
J.B. Wakelin		b Taylor	6
T.S. Mills	Not Out		3
	Extras (b1, lb1, w7)		9
	Total (all out) 20 ov		98

Fall: 3 3 40 52 66 66 68 82 91 98

Bowling	O	M	R	W
R.M.L. Taylor	4	0	18	3
B.J. France	4	0	26	2
B.D. Coote	2	0	9	1
A.M. Watson	4	0	16	1
B.W. Stolworthy	4	0	22	3
R.J. Findlay	2	0	5	0

MATCH 1 - NORFOLK C.C.C.

S.S. Arthurton	lbw	b Ball	6
S.J. Marillier	c Cawkwell	b Foley	49
J.D. Reynolds	c Mickleburgh	b Foley	7
R.M.L. Taylor	Not Out		25
L.R.K. Denmark	Not Out		7
A.M. Watson*	Did not bat		
B.J. France	Did not bat		
B.D. Coote	Did not bat		
B.W. Stolworthy	Did not bat		
S.J. Groves†	Did not bat		
R.J. Findlay	Did not bat		
	Extras (lb1, w4)		5
	Total (3 wkts) 12.5 ov		99

Fall: 27 50 87

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Ball	2	0	16	1
T.S. Mills	4	0	26	0
T.W.W. Rash	1	0	2	0
J.M. Foley	3.5	0	33	2
J.B. Wakelin	2	0	21	0

MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J. L.O. Cawkwell	c Groves	b Taylor	0
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Arthurton	b France	10
K.P. Young		b Coote	11
A.J. Ball		b Watson	9
D.P. Batch		b Coote	9
B.D. Shepperson	c Watson	b Taylor	12
T.W.W. Rash	lbw	b Findlay	0
A.P. Mansfield*†	c Marillier	b Taylor	5
J.E. Poulson	st Groves	b Watson	17
J.M. Foley	Not Out		14
W.M. Moulton-Day	st Groves	b Watson	0
	Extras (lb6, w2)		8
	Total (all out) 19.3 ov		95

Fall: 0 23 27 44 48 49 64 65 95 95

Bowling	O	M	R	W
R.M.L. Taylor	4	0	25	3
B.J. France	3	0	20	1
B.D. Coote	3	1	5	2
B.W. Stolworthy	2	0	16	0
A.M. Watson	3.3	0	10	3
R.J. Findlay	4	0	13	1

MATCH 2 - NORFOLK C.C.C.

S.S. Arthurton	c Mansfield	b Ball	28
S.J. Marillier		b Ball	0
J.D. Reynolds	Not Out		41
R.M.L. Taylor	Not Out		17
L.R.K. Denmark	Did not bat		
A.M. Watson*	Did not bat		
B.J. France	Did not bat		
B.D. Coote	Did not bat		
B.W. Stolworthy	Did not bat		
S.J. Groves†	Did not bat		
R.J. Findlay	Did not bat		
	Extras (lb6, w7)		13
	Total (2 wkts) 18.4 ov		99

Fall: 1 67

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Ball	3.4	0	14	2
W.M. Moulton-Day	3	0	13	0
J.E. Poulson	4	0	15	0
K.P. Young	3	0	20	0
J.M. Foley	4	0	25	0
T.W.W. Rash	1	0	6	0

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

At Peterborough, May 7, 2018
Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: A. Davies and R. Eagleton
Scorers: K. Coburn and A. J. Broome

First match: Toss won by Cambridgeshire. Cambridgeshire won by 26 runs.

Second match: Toss won by Cambridgeshire. Suffolk won by 8 wkts.

T20 spoils are shared with Cambridgeshire

HONOURS ended even at Peterborough Town CC as Suffolk won one and lost one of their T20 matches against Cambridgeshire.

Jake Foley bowled an excellent spell of 4-0-16-3 for Suffolk after Cambridgeshire won the toss and batted first in game one.

He received good support from Ben Shepperson whose four overs cost 17 runs, but the hosts closed on 153-5 as Suffolk's seamers proved more expensive.

Suffolk made a disastrous start to their reply, slumping to 3-3 after eight balls of their innings. However, they recovered to 99-4 before Jaik Mickleburgh, whose 50 included six fours, was out for 50.

That sparked another mini-collapse, four wickets tumbling in the space of 11 balls to leave Suffolk 105-8, before eventually being dismissed for 127.

Adam Ball and James Poulson bowled tightly in the second match as this time Cambridgeshire reached 142-6, with the middle order

adding some much-needed runs late on.

Despite losing Mickleburgh in the second over, Suffolk recorded a comfortable eight-wicket win with five balls unused. Jake Foley's 41 off 32 balls included five fours and a six, while man-of-the-match Ball's unbeaten 55 came off 50 balls with five fours. He featured in an unbroken third-wicket alliance with Kyran Young (33 off 27 deliveries) worth 69 runs.



Jake Foley, who took four wickets and scored 60 runs in the two matches against Cambridgeshire.

MATCH 1 - CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.

B.H.N. Howgego	lbw	b Foley	32
E.C. Ballard	c Ball	b Poulson	35
M.C. Cafferkey	st Mansfield	b Foley	6
N.V. Jeyaratnam	c Mansfield	b Foley	1
J.D. Williams*		b Moulton-Day	24
J.T. Bowers†	Not Out		41
C.R. Craig	Not Out		3
R.O. Gordon	Did not bat		
H.E. Craig	Did not bat		
J.S. Sykes	Did not bat		
J.B.T. Arksey	Did not bat		
Extras (b7, lb1, w3)			11
Total (5 wkts) 20 ov			153

Fall: 66 80 80 84 148

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Ball	4	0	40	0
W.M. Moulton-Day	3	0	31	1
K.P. Young	1	0	12	0
J.E. Poulson	4	0	29	1
J.M. Foley	4	0	16	3
B.D. Shepperson	4	0	17	0

MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J.L.O. Cawkwell	lbw	b Sykes	2
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Jeyaratnam	b C Craig	50
A.J. Ball	c C Craig	b Gordon	1
D.P. Batch	lbw	b Gordon	0
K.P. Young		b H Craig	25
B.D. Shepperson		b Arksey	19
T.W.W. Rash	st Bowers	b Arksey	1
J.E. Poulson		b C Craig	1
J.M. Foley	c Jeyaratnam	b Gordon	19
A.P. Mansfield*†		b Sykes	1
W.M. Moulton-Day	Not out		2
Extras (lb1, w3, nb2)			6
Total (all out) 19.3 ov			127

Fall: 2 3 4 37 99 102 103 105 114 127

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.S. Sykes	4	0	31	2
R.O. Gordon	3.3	1	24	3
J.B.T. Arksey	4	0	27	2
H.E. Craig	4	0	24	1
C.R. Craig	4	0	20	2

MATCH 2 - CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.

E.C. Ballard	C Moulton-Day	b Ball	0
B.H.N. Howgego		b Poulson	24
M.C. Cafferkey		b Foley	11
N.V. Jeyaratnam	c Young	b Wakelin	20
J.D. Williams*	c Mansfield	b Ball	38
J.T. Bowers†	Run Out (Ball)		24
C.R. Craig	Not Out		16
R.O. Gordon	Not Out		1
H.E. Craig	Did not bat		
J.S. Sykes	Did not bat		
J.B.T. Arksey	Did not bat		
Extras (b1, lb5, w2)			8
Total (6 wkts) 20 ov			142

Fall: 8 34 43 78 109 133

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.B. Wakelin	4	0	46	1
A.J. Ball	4	1	18	2
W.M. Moulton-Day	2	0	10	0
J.E. Poulson	4	0	19	1
J.M. Foley	4	0	31	1
B.D. Shepperson	2	0	12	0

MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J.M. Foley	c Cafferkey	b Arksey	41
J.C. Mickleburgh		b Gordon	4
A.J. Ball	Not Out		55
K.P. Young	Not Out		33
J.L.O. Cawkwell	Did not bat		
D.P. Batch	Did not bat		
B.D. Shepperson	Did not bat		
J.B. Wakelin	Did not bat		
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat		
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat		
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat		
Extras (b4, lb2, w7)			13
Total (2 wkts) 19.1 ov			146

Fall: 10 77

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.S. Sykes	4	0	28	0
R.O. Gordon	3.1	0	22	1
C.R. Craig	2	0	21	0
H.E. Craig	3	0	15	0
J.B.T. Arksey	4	0	31	1
M.C. Cafferkey	3	0	23	0

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

At Bury St Edmunds, May 27, 2018
Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: S. Ross and R. Parker
Scorers: A. J. Broome and M. Wynn

First match: Toss won by Bedfordshire. Suffolk won by 1 run. Second match: Toss won by Suffolk. Suffolk won by 8 wks

Suffolk win both games in contrasting styles

SUFFOLK beat Bedfordshire in both T20 rubbers at Bury St Edmunds, but in completely contrasting fashion.

An inspired last over by Billy Moulton-Day saw Suffolk squeak home by one run in the opening match.

Bedfordshire, needing ten runs with seven wickets in hand, were odds-on favourites, but Moulton-Day held his nerve to take two wickets plus there was a run out as Suffolk won by one run.

Suffolk had posted 172-8 built upon opener Jake Foley's 51 from just 25 deliveries containing 11 fours. Jake Mickleburgh, Darren Batch and Josh Cantrell all chipped in with useful contributions.

Bedfordshire appeared on course to overhaul Suffolk's total after Ajay Singh Momi (39 off 28 balls) and Ben Mansell (44 off 33 balls) compiled an opening stand of 63 in just 7.2 overs.

The outcome was in stark contrast to match two which saw

MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J.M. Foley	c Stockdale	b Darlow	51
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Mansell	b Stockdale	24
K.P. Young	c Fuller	b Reynoldson	16
D.P. Batch	c Keeping	b Fuller	23
J.J. Cantrell	st Barden	b Darlow	30
B.D. Shepperson		b Fuller	1
T.W.W. Rash	c Barden	b Fuller	0
A.P. Mansfield*†	Run Out (Ahmadzai)		4
J.E. Poulson	Not Out		6
TS Mills	Not Out		1
W.M. Moulton-Day	Did not bat		
Extras (lb5, w11)			16
Total (8 wks) 20 ov			172

Fall: 61 87 122 143 146 146 154 171

Bowling	O	M	R	W
M.Y. Ahmadzai	4	0	32	0
E. Hodgson	2	0	24	0
J. Stockdale	2	0	30	1
G.M. Darlow	4	0	31	2
J.C. Fuller	4	0	19	3
A.M. Reynoldson	4	0	31	1

MATCH 1 - BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

A.S. Momi	lbw	b Poulson	39
B. Mansell		b Foley	44
D.D.W. Brierley	c Batch	b Moulton-Day	52
A.M. Reynoldson*	c Cantrell	b Moulton-Day	15
J.B.R. Keeping	Run Out (Poulson)		9
N.J. Barden†	c Mansfield	b Moulton-Day	0
G.M. Darlow	Not Out		0
J.C. Fuller	Not Out		4
J. Stockdale	Did not bat		
M.Y. Ahmadzai	Did not bat		
E. Hodgson	Did not bat		
Extras (b1, lb3, w4)			8
Total (6 wks) 20 ov			171

Fall: 63 118 141 164 167 167

Bowling	O	M	R	W
T.S. Mills	4	0	17	0
T.W.W. Rash	2	0	22	0
W.M. Moulton-Day	3	0	26	3
J.E. Poulson	3	0	24	1
J.J. Cantrell	4	0	38	0
J.M. Foley	4	0	40	1

the visitors reduced to a scarcely believable 14-7 off 7.1 overs.

Bedfordshire mounted a recovery of sorts to reach 55 all out off 14.3 overs.

After losing two wickets inside the opening two overs, Jaik Mickleburgh (27 off 24 balls) and Darren Batch (23 off 27 balls) ensured Suffolk recorded a crushing victory inside ten overs.



Billy Moulton-Day, held his nerve in the last over of the first match as Suffolk won by one run against Bedfordshire.

MATCH 2 - BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

A.S. Momi	c Shepperson	b Poulson	0
B. Mansell	c Batch	b Poulson	5
D.D.W. Brierley	c Mickleburgh	b Poulson	2
A.M. Reynoldson*	c Mansfield	b Foley	3
J.B.R. Keeping	c Mansfield	b Rash	0
N.J. Barden†	lbw	b Young	3
G.M. Darlow	c Young	b Foley	0
J.C. Fuller	c Mansfield	b Rash	11
J. Stockdale	lbw	b Foley	5
M.Y. Ahmadzai	c & b	Batch	23
E. Hodgson	Not Out		2
Extras (w1)			1
Total (all out) 14.3 ov			55

Fall: 0 7 7 7 14 14 14 23 51 55

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.E. Poulson	3	1	6	3
T.W.W. Rash	3	0	6	2
K.P. Young	4	0	13	1
J.M. Foley	4	0	28	3
D.P. Batch	0.3	0	2	1

MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J.M. Foley	c Darlow	b Fuller	0
J.C. Mickleburgh	Not Out		27
K.P. Young	c Ahmadzai	b Stockdale	4
D.P. Batch	Not Out		23
J.J. Cantrell	Did not bat		
B.D. Shepperson	Did not bat		
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat		
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat		
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat		
J.A. Beaumont	Did not bat		
A.G. Oxley	Did not bat		
Extras (lb1, w3)			4
Total (2 wks) 9.5 ov			58

Fall: 0 6

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.C. Fuller	4	0	18	1
J. Stockdale	2	0	16	1
G.M. Darlow	2.5	0	20	0
M.Y. Ahmadzai	1	0	3	0

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

At Harpenden, June 3, 2018

Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: R. Parker and A. Hicks

Scorers: R. Hill and A. J. Broome

First match: Toss won by Suffolk. Suffolk won by 8 wkts. Second match: Toss won by Suffolk. Hertfordshire won by 30 runs

Sudbury duo share a winning century stand

SUFFOLK secured their third eight-wicket victory in the Unicorns T20 Competition before ending their campaign on a losing note.

James Poulson joined his Sudbury team-mate Darren Batch at the crease with Suffolk having lost both openers with only nine balls bowled in reply to Hertfordshire's 101-8.

The pair then proceeded to share an unbroken partnership of 104 in 15 overs to ease Suffolk to victory.

Batch ended on 31 from 38 balls, but it was Poulson's knock that caught the eye, the all-rounder's 68 coming off 53 balls laced with seven fours and two sixes.

Suffolk's bowlers had earlier kept a tight rein on Hertfordshire's batsmen, taking wickets at regular intervals.

The hosts also batted first in the second game, posting a more competitive 136-5, Poulson claiming two wickets.

MATCH 1 - HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.				
S.R.W. Gale		b Rash	6	
R. Hussain*	c Beaumont	b Loyd	9	
J.E. Southgate	c & b	Rash	9	
J.E.B. Scott	c Mansfield	b Wakelin	21	
T.J.O. Graham	c Poulson	b Loyd	1	
A.V. Chalker	c Wakelin	b Foley	6	
D. Chatfield	c Mickleburgh	b Foley	8	
R.O. Soulsby†	Not Out		25	
E.C.W. Wharton	c Poulson	b Beaumont	6	
B.A. Waring	Not Out		0	
L.J. Chapman	Did not bat			
Extras (lb4, w6)			10	
Total (8 wkts) 20 ov			101	

Fall: 13 24 27 36 54 65 79 97				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.E. Poulson	3	0	16	0
T.W.W. Rash	3	0	17	2
G.J. Loyd	3	0	15	2
J.B. Wakelin	4	0	11	1
J.M. Foley	4	0	23	2
J.A. Beaumont	3	0	15	1

MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
J.M. Foley	st Soulsby	b Waring	1	
J.C. Mickleburgh		b Wharton	1	
D.P. Batch	Not Out		31	
J.E. Poulson	Not Out		68	
B.D. Shepperson	Did not bat			
J.B. Wakelin	Did not bat			
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat			
J.A. Beaumont	Did not bat			
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat			
G.J. Loyd	Did not bat			
F. Heldreich	Did not bat			
Extras (lb2, w3)			5	
Total (2 wkts) 16.3 ov			106	

Fall: 2 2				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
B.A. Waring	4	0	21	1
E.C.W. Wharton	3	1	16	1
L.J. Chapman	2	0	10	0
A.V. Chalker	3.3	0	31	0
J.E. Southgate	3	0	22	0
J.E.B. Scott	1	0	4	0

Suffolk's batsmen failed to rise to the challenge and were bowled out in 18.3 overs to lose by 30 runs.

The double-header saw Suffolk hand debuts to two young bowlers – nineteen-year-old George Loyd and Freddie Heldreich, aged just 16 – both products of the Suffolk Young Cricketers.



James Poulson, struck 68 not out off 53 balls as Suffolk defeated Hertfordshire in match two.

MATCH 2 - HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.				
S.R.W. Gale	Run Out (Shepperson)	0		
A.V. Chalker	c Beaumont	b Poulson	20	
R. Hussain*	c Foley	b Rash	38	
J.E. Southgate	c Heldreich	b Wakelin	29	
J.E.B. Scott	c Mickleburgh	b Poulson	38	
T.J.O. Graham	Not Out		2	
D. Chatfield	Not Out		1	
R.O. Soulsby†	Did not bat			
E.C.W. Wharton	Did not bat			
B.A. Waring	Did not bat			
L.J. Chapman	Did not bat			
Extras (b3, lb1, w4)			8	
Total (5 wkts) 20 ov			136	

Fall: 0 33 71 127 134				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.E. Poulson	4	1	21	2
T.W.W. Rash	4	0	23	1
J.M. Foley	4	0	18	0
J.B. Wakelin	4	0	36	1
J.A. Beaumont	1	0	8	0
F. Heldreich	2	0	20	0
G.J. Loyd	1	0	6	0

MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
J. Foley	c Wharton	b Chapman	16	
J.C. Mickleburgh		b Wharton	2	
D.P. Batch	c Chalker	b Wharton	8	
J.E. Poulson	c Chapman	b Chalker	18	
B.D. Shepperson	c Waring	b Wharton	22	
J.A. Beaumont		b Southgate	5	
T.W.W. Rash	Not Out		20	
A.P. Mansfield*†	lbw	b Chapman	1	
J.B. Wakelin	c Soulsby	b Waring	2	
G.J. Loyd		b Southgate	6	
F. Heldreich	c & b	Waring	0	
Extras (lb2, w4)			6	
Total (all out) 18.3 ov			106	

Fall: 7 26 34 52 68 83 91 96 105 106				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
L.J. Chapman	4	0	21	2
E.C.W. Wharton	3	0	23	3
B.A. Waring	3.3	0	12	2
A.V. Chalker	4	0	24	1
J.E. Southgate	4	0	24	2

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

At Ipswich School, May 20, 2018
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: M. Spenceley and R. Eagleton
Scorers: A. J. Broome and P. Dean

Buckinghamshire won the toss. Result: Suffolk won by 3 wks.



Ben Shepperson, guided Suffolk to a three-wicket win with an undefeated 26 against Buckinghamshire.

Suffolk keep nerve to reach KO Trophy quarter-finals

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE C.C.C.				
C. Macdonnell	c Mansfield	b Poulson	2	
M. Khan	lbw	b Ball	1	
S. Gumbs	c Poulson	b Cantrell	44	
M. Payne	c Mansfield	b Ball	0	
G. Park	lbw	b Rash	22	
R. Pritchard	c Moulton-Day	b Cantrell	9	
G. Russell†	c Mansfield	b Ball	53	
C. Parsons	lbw	b Cantrell	0	
T. Hampton*		b Moulton-Day	47	
U. Amjaid	Not Out		0	
J. Burden	Run Out (Mansfield)		1	
Extras (lb1, w9, nb2)			12	
Total (all out) 46.2 ov			191	

Fall: 3 3 4 77 80 90 94 188 190 191				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Ball	8.2	0	53	3
J.E. Poulson	7	0	42	1
T.W.W. Rash	10	1	23	1
W.M. Moulton-Day	3	0	18	1
J.M. Foley	8	1	33	0
J.J. Cantrell	10	2	21	3

SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
J.M. Foley	Run Out (Park)		23	
J.C. Mickleburgh	lbw	b Payne	21	
K.P. Young	c Park	b Parsons	5	
A.J. Ball	c Russell	b Burden	27	
D.P. Batch	lbw	b Park	40	
B.D. Shepperson	Not Out		26	
T.W.W. Rash		b Amjaid	18	
J.J. Cantrell	lbw	b Amjaid	0	
A.P. Mansfield*†	Not Out		12	
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat			
W.M. Moulton-Day	Did not bat			
Extras (lb1, w15, nb4)			20	
Total (7 wks) 49.4 ov			192	

Fall: 38 54 54 128 130 171 171				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
C. Parsons	10	1	36	1
T. Hampton	9	0	37	0
J. Burden	8	0	27	1
M. Payne	3	1	8	1
U. Amjaid	10	0	32	2
M. Khan	3	0	15	0
G. Park	6.4	1	36	1

SUFFOLK beat Buckinghamshire with two balls to spare to reach the quarter-finals of the Unicorns KO Trophy competition for the second successive season.

Chasing 192 to win, Ben Shepperson (26 not out) and skipper Adam Mansfield (12 not out) saw Suffolk home, sharing an eighth-wicket stand of 21 after two wickets had fallen with the total on 171.

Suffolk had also lost two wickets in the space of six balls to leave them 54-3 in the 16th over, but Adam Ball and Darren Batch then added 74 for the fourth wicket.

They were dismissed just two runs apart as Suffolk slipped to 130 for five, but Shepperson and Tom Rash handed the initiative back to Suffolk with a

stand of 41.

Buckinghamshire had elected to bat first, but the loss of three wickets inside the first three overs left them with much work to do to set a competitive total.

Shelvin Gumbs (44) and Garry Park (22) hoisted the visitors back into the match with a fourth-wicket alliance of 73, but both fell in quick succession to leave Bucks 80-5.

Josh Cantrell removed Gumbs and then took two more wickets to return excellent figures of 10-2-21-3 and the visitors struggling on 94-7.

George Russell (53) and Tom Hampton (47) arrested the slide with an eighth-wicket partnership of 94, before Bucks lost their last three wickets for the addition of just three runs.

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

Oxfordshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Banbury CC, June 10, 2018
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: A. Hicks and R. Hampshire
Scorers: C. Cox and A. J. Broome

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Suffolk won by 6 wkts.

Suffolk surge into KO Trophy semi-finals



SUFFOLK produced a splendid one-day performance to defeat Oxfordshire and secure a semi-final spot for the first time since winning the Unicorns Trophy in 2007.

James Poulson and Tom Rash bowled beautifully with the new ball to reduce the hosts to 12-4 in the 11th over. Poulson bowled unchanged to record figures of 10-4-15-1.

His economy was almost match by Darren Batch, who also bowled superbly to concede just 18 runs from his ten overs.

Jonathan Cater (63) and Oliver Clarke (75) slowly rebuilt the innings and added 138 for the fifth wicket, but when Cater was caught in the 46th over the total was only 150.

Forty runs from the final four overs gave some respectability to Oxfordshire's score as Rash returned at the death to pick up two more victims and achieve county-best one-day figures of 10-2-34-5.

Jake Foley fell to the third ball of the innings, but Jaik Mickleburgh and Kyran Young put on 78 inside 13 overs for the second wicket before Mickleburgh, whose knock included eight fours, was out.

Batch joined Kyran Young, who departed with the score on 108 in the 21st over, and steered Suffolk, who handed a debut to Sudbury's Kenny Moulton-Day, towards victory in harness with Darren Ironside.

Darren Batch bowling during his fine spell of 10-1-18-0 against Oxfordshire at Banbury.

The pair plundered 66 runs in 14 overs prior to Batch being caught by Jamie Perkin – his third catch of the innings – for 44 from 65 balls, while Ironside ended undefeated on 42 from 49 deliveries with six fours.

OXFORDSHIRE C.C.C.					SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
H. Smith	c Mansfield	b Rash	5		J.M. Foley	c Perkin	b Andrew	0	
R. Kaufman	c Batch	b Poulson	1		J.C. Mickleburgh	c Perkin	b Thomas	39	
J. Perkin	c Mansfield	b Rash	4		K.P. Young	c Perkin	b Eltham	44	
J. Garrett	c Mansfield	b Rash	0		D.P. Batch	lbw	b Thomas	46	
J. Cater*†	c Beaumont	b Young	63		D.A. Ironside	Not Out		42	
O. Clarke	c Mickleburgh	b Young	75		B.D. Shepperson	Not Out		12	
G. Andrew		b Rash	1		K. Moulton-Day	Did not bat			
H. Eltham		b Rash	5		T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat			
T. Price	Not Out		15		J.E. Poulson	Did not bat			
J. Thomas	Not Out		7		A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat			
B. Taylor	Did not bat				J.A. Beaumont	Did not bat			
	Extras (lb4, w8, nb2)		14			Extras (lb3, w5)		8	
	Total (8 wkts) 50 ov		190			Total (4 wkts) 36.1 ov		191	
Fall: 6 10 10 12 150 160 162 169					Fall: 0 78 108 174				
Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
T.W.W. Rash	10	2	34	5	G. Andrew	9	3	40	1
J.E. Poulson	10	4	15	1	B. Taylor	5	0	38	0
K.P. Young	10	0	69	2	H. Eltham	8	1	29	1
D.P. Batch	10	1	18	0	T. Price	1	0	13	0
J.M. Foley	7	0	25	0	J. Thomas	6.1	0	36	2
D.A. Ironside	3	0	25	0	O. Clarke	2	0	12	0
					R. Kaufman	5	0	20	0

Devon C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Sidmouth CC, July 1, 2018
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: T. Caldicott and J. Attridge
Scorers: R. Tozer and A. J. Broome

Suffolk won the toss. Result: Devon won on fewer wickets lost.

So near yet so far from KO Trophy final

SUFFOLK were denied a place in the Unicorns KO Trophy final in the cruellest possible fashion at scenic Sidmouth, Devon winning on fewer wickets lost as the match finished with the scores level.

The first rain to fall in the area for six weeks delayed the start until 2.50pm and reduced the tie to 35 overs-a-side, although the loss of a further two overs in Devon's innings left Suffolk a slightly revised target.

Suffolk bowled well from the outset and Devon were 58-5 inside 15 overs, before Ben Green (38) and Zac Bess added 44 for the sixth wicket.

Devon dipped to 135 for eight in the 28th over, but Bess and Scott Barlow struck some lusty blows in the latter stages, Bess finishing unbeaten on 78 off 56 balls with six fours and five sixes.

Suffolk's response got off to an

inauspicious start, Jake Foley falling to the third ball of the innings and Adam Ball being yorked soon after.

When Jaik Mickleburgh dragged on the first ball of the 12th over, Suffolk were 45-4, but Darren Batch (47 off 60 balls including three fours and two sixes) and Ben Shepperson, who struck three sixes off as many balls, got Suffolk back into the contest.

Twenty were needed off the last two overs and just six off the last, so when James Poulson ramped a four off the second ball, Suffolk had one foot in the final.

There was a twist in the tail as Poulson was then stumped and Josh Cantrell could only scramble a leg bye off the final ball to shatter Suffolk's dreams.

DEVON C.C.C.				
M. Thompson†	c Mansfield	b Rash	2	
L. Lewis	c Mansfield	b Rash	11	
A. Barrow		b Comber	7	
B. Green	c & b	Batch	38	
J. Bess*	c Mickleburgh	b Poulson	17	
D. Pyle	Run Out (Ball)		4	
Z. Bess	Not Out		78	
J. Thompson	c & b	Rash	3	
G. Chappell	c Ball	b Cantrell	4	
S. Barlow	Not Out		29	
J. Stephens	Did not bat			
	Extras (lb1, w7)		8	
	Total (8 wkts) 33 ov		201	

Fall: 7 20 21 45 58 102 114 135				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	7	0	46	1
T.W.W. Rash	7	1	33	3
J.E. Poulson	6	0	33	1
A.J. Ball	7	0	39	0
D.P. Batch	4	0	27	1
J.J. Cantrell	2	0	22	1

SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
J.M. Foley	c Stephens	b Z. Bess	0	
J.C. Mickleburgh		b Green	21	
A.J. Ball		b J. Bess	3	
K.P. Young	c Barrow	b Z. Bess	16	
D.P. Batch	c M.Thompson	b Chappell	47	
B.D. Shepperson	lbw	b Z. Bess	30	
M.A. Comber	c Stephens	b Chappell	18	
T.W.W. Rash	Not Out		21	
A.P. Mansfield*†		b Green	13	
J.E. Poulson	st M.Thompson	b Green	13	
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		0	
	Extras (b5, lb5, w3, nb4)		17	
	Total (9 wkts) 33 ov		199	

Fall: 0 10 30 45 109 138 159 180 198				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Z. Bess	7	1	32	3
J. Bess	7	0	45	1
S. Barlow	5	0	25	0
G. Chappell	7	0	28	2
B. Green	6	1	38	3
J. Stephens	1	0	21	0



Tom Rash celebrates one of his three wickets against Devon at Sidmouth.

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

At West Bromwich Dartmouth CC, June 24, 25, 26, 2018

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: A. Harris and J. Pitcher

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

Toss won by Staffordshire. Result: Staffordshire won by 185 runs. Staffordshire 24pts, Suffolk 5pts

Understrength Suffolk side soundly beaten

AN understrength Suffolk side were up against it from the moment their hosts won the toss and then their openers put on 142 for the first wicket.

That Suffolk took the match well into the third afternoon was down to the fighting spirit they displayed, none more so than skipper Adam Mansfield.

Kadeer Ali (63) and Sam Kelsall (85) put the home team in the ascendency and Michael Hill's 74 not out off 62 balls with four boundaries and four sixes pushed their total up to 374-8.

Suffolk, with Jack Beaumont (35 from 33 balls) and Alex Oxley both opening the innings for the first time, ended day one on 85 for four.

Mansfield made 50 from 111 balls and added 71 for the fifth wicket with Ben Shepperson (44 off 64 balls) before Suffolk slumped to 166-8.

Josh Cantrell and Jake Foley kept Suffolk in the contest with 81 for the ninth wicket, and Staffordshire added to their 127-run advantage by reaching 213-6 at the close.

Tim Maxfield, who top-scored with 85, became one of Cantrell's four victims as Suffolk dismissed Staffordshire for 248 on day three, leaving the visitors requiring an improbable 376 for victory.

After the top three were all back in the pavilion with only 34 on the board, the defiant Mansfield just missed out on a second half century before Staffordshire sealed victory.



Jonny Gallagher who made his Championship debut for Suffolk in the defeat against Staffordshire.

STAFFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings

K. Ali*		b Comber	63	c Mansfield	b Young	38
S. Kelsall	c Mansfield	b Comber	85	c Rash	b Comber	15
Z. Malik	c Mansfield	b Young	9	c Mansfield	b Rash	8
P. Wilshaw	c Young	b Cantrell	34	c Mansfield	b Young	22
T. Maxfield		b Cantrell	36		b Cantrell	85
M. Hill	Not Out		74	c Mansfield	b Cantrell	22
J. Sookias†	c Mansfield	b Young	15	c Foley	b Ironside	2
B. Phagura	c Mansfield	b Rash	22	c Gallagher	b Cantrell	29
D. Richardson	c Shepperson	b Rash	25	lbw	b Beaumont	17
P. Byrne	Not Out		6	c Gallagher	b Cantrell	5
A. Raza	Did not bat			Not Out		0
	Extras 4b, 1lb		5	Extras 4b, 1lb		5
	Total (8 wks) 90 ov		374	Total (all out) 68.2 ov		248

Fall: 142 155 175 225 238 278 317 355

Fall: 25 51 87 94 127 140
219 242 248 248

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	12	2	42	2	6	3	11	1
T.W.W. Rash	19	3	85	2	13	2	45	1
J.W. Gallagher	17	4	64	0	8	0	22	0
J.A. Beaumont	10	0	38	0	(8) 1	0	6	1
J.M. Foley	12	0	43	0	(5) 4	0	23	0
J.J. Cantrell	11	0	42	2	(6) 17.2	3	56	4
K.P. Young	9	2	55	2	(4) 7	0	29	2
D. Ironside					(7) 12	1	51	1

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings

J.A. Beaumont	c Sookias	b Phagura	35	c Kelsall	b Phagura	5
A.G. Oxley	c Kelsall	b Richardson	0		b Maxfield	12
K.P. Young	c Kelsall	b Phagura	4		b Phagura	4
D. Ironside		b Phagura	0	c Hill	b Maxfield	18
A.P. Mansfield*†	c Sookias	b Maxfield	50	(8) lbw	b Byrne	49
B.D. Shepperson	c Sookias	b Maxfield	44	(5) c Sookias	b Hill	29
T.W.W. Rash	c Byrne	b Maxfield	18	(6) c Sookias	b Hill	13
M.A. Comber	lbw	b Maxfield	9	(7)	b Phagura	9
J.J. Cantrell		b Phagura	33	c & b	Byrne	7
J.M. Foley	lbw	b Byrne	48	Not Out		12
J.W. Gallagher	Not Out		0	lbw	b Byrne	0
	Extras 6lb		6	Extras 16b, 7lb, 2nb, 7w		32
	Total (all out) 65.2 ov		247	Total (all out) 51.5 ov		190

Fall: 3 24 24 57 128 145 159 166 247 247

Fall: 10 20 34 57 81 88 132
163 180 190

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
D. Richardson	15	2	64	1	5	2	7	0
B. Phagura	17	6	58	4	12	3	22	3
M. Hill	4	3	12	0	(4) 10	0	46	2
P. Byrne	9.2	0	50	1	(5) 8.5	1	34	3
A. Raza	10	1	28	0	(6) 3	0	19	0
T. Maxfield	10	1	29	4	(3) 13	2	39	2

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

At Bury St Edmunds, July 8, 9, 10, 2018

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: R. Parker and S. Ross

Scorers: A. J. Broome and S. Shirley

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Suffolk won by 163 runs. Suffolk 23pts, Bedfordshire 4pts

Majestic Mickleburgh makes hay in the sun

BEDFORDSHIRE displayed stubborn resistance on the third and final day, but it was not sufficient to stop Suffolk from recording a resounding victory. The seeds of success were sown on day one as Suffolk recovered from a precarious 154-7 to 291 all out. Darren Ironside and Ben Shepperson initially rescued Suffolk from 30-3 with a stand of 72, but it needed the lower order contributions of Tom Rash, Josh Cantrell and Jake Foley to post a reasonable total. Bedfordshire were then reduced to 65-7 off 24 overs by the close, and were dismissed for 105 the following morning, Rash claiming career-best figures of 6-38.

Jaik Mickleburgh made hay as Suffolk, starting with a first-innings lead of 186, piled on the runs, the majestic opener adding 137 for the second wicket with Kyran Young.

An unbroken fourth-wicket partnership between Mickleburgh and Ben Shepperson put Suffolk in total control. Mickleburgh's 173 off 220 balls included 18 boundaries, while Shepperson's 58 off 43 balls featured six fours and three sixes.

Set 507 to win, Bedfordshire ended day two on 41-2 which became 42-4 early the following morning, before the visitors dug in and showed much more fight second time around. Skipper Andy Reynoldson and Drew Brierly rallied with a sixth-wicket stand of 161, but after Reynoldson departed for 70, Suffolk worked their way through the tail and Brierly (22 fours and two sixes) was left unbeaten for a superb 152 from 267 balls.



Jaik Mickleburgh, who scored 173 not out for Suffolk in their second innings against Bedfordshire.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
J.A. Beaumont	c Taylor	b Reynoldson	4	Run Out (Everitt)			28
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Taylor	b Hasan	20	Not Out			173
K.P. Young	c Darlow	b Reynoldson	0	lbw	b Brierley		51
D. Ironside	c Reynoldson	b Ahmadzai	47	c Momi	b Darlow		5
B.D. Shepperson	c Hasan	b Ahmadzai	33	Not Out			58
M.A. Comber	c Hasan	b Ahmadzai	17	Did not bat			
T.W.W. Rash	c Taylor	b Reynoldson	59	Did not bat			
A.P. Mansfield*†	c Darlow	b Ahmadzai	9	Did not bat			
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		43	Did not bat			
J.M. Foley		b Reynoldson	44	Did not bat			
J.W. Gallagher	Run Out (Hasan)		0	Did not bat			
	Extras 2lb, 3w, 10nb		15	Extras 3b, 1lb, 1w			5
	Total (all out) 88.2 ov		291	Total (3 dec) 70 ov			320

Fall: 22 26 30 102 127 134 154 238 290 291

Bowling					Fall: 64 201 206				
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
A.M. Hasan	11	2	43	1	13	2	78	0	
J. Keeping	2	0	16	0					
A. Reynoldson	15	2	52	4	(2) 6	1	24	0	
G. Darlow	34.2	9	86	0	(3) 16	5	48	1	
M.Y. Ahmadzai	22	4	69	4	(4) 10	1	30	0	
D. Brierley	4	0	23	0	(6) 19	0	104	1	
L. Everitt					(5) 6	1	32	0	

BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings				2nd Innings			
A.S. Momi	c Shepperson	b Comber	0	(8) lbw	b Beaumont		5
B. Coddington	c Foley	b Comber	6	(2) c & b	Comber		24
D. Brierley		b Rash	9	(7) Not Out			152
S. Johnson	Not Out		48	(5) lbw	b Young		28
A. Reynoldson*	c Foley	b Young	15	(6) c Mansfield	b Foley		70
J. Keeping	lbw	b Rash	6	(4) lbw	b Rash		1
M. Taylor†	c Mansfield	b Rash	3	(9) c Mansfield	b Comber		0
G. Darlow	c sub (Northcote)	b Beaumont	1	(1) c & b	Young		15
L. Everitt	c Mansfield	b Rash	2	(10) st Mansfield	b Foley		29
A.M. Hasan	lbw	b Rash	0	(3)	b Young		0
M.Y. Ahmadzai	lbw	b Rash	0	(11) lbw	b Rash		4
	Extras 8b, 2lb, 1w, 4nb		15	Extras 8b, 6lb, 1w			15
	Total (all out) 38 ov		105	Total (all out) 117.1 ov			343

Fall: 0 15 15 41 56 64 65 69 105 105

Bowling					Fall: 40 40 42 42 84 245 252				
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	12	5	28	2	255 324 343	19	4	55	2
T.W.W. Rash	15	4	38	6		20.1	5	48	2
K.P. Young	5	0	15	1		14	4	38	3
J.W. Gallagher	5	1	14	0		12	4	32	0
J.A. Beaumont	1	1	0	1		(8) 17	3	56	1
J.J. Cantrell						(5) 10	6	13	0
J.M. Foley						(6) 19	4	59	2
D. Ironside						(7) 6	2	28	0

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

At Copdock, July 22, 23, 24, 2018
Competition: Unicorns Championship

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

Toss won by Norfolk. Result: Suffolk won by an innings and 2 runs. Suffolk 24pts, Norfolk 6pts

Suffolk turn the screw to record innings win

SUFFOLK required just 40 minutes' play on the third day to wrap up a crushing victory over old rivals Norfolk.

The visitors were outplayed almost from start to finish, with only Norfolk's last pair holding up the home side in their first innings.

Opener Sam Arthurton held the innings together with 78, after which Norfolk were staring down the barrel at 189-9, before Brett Stolworthy (38 not out) and Sam Groves (23 not out) added 70.

Suffolk breezed to 76 without loss overnight and Jaik Mickleburgh and Adam Mansfield extended that stand to 175, before Mansfield fell for a county-best score of 70.

There was a sense of inevitability about Mickleburgh reaching three figures, nine fours coming in his 111 off 114 balls, and the middle order all chipped in.

However, it was a ninth-wicket alliance between Michael Comber (45 off 27 balls with three sixes) and Josh Cantrell (22 not out) that saw Suffolk stretch their advantage to 126.

Cantrell then took three late wickets as Norfolk collapsed from 71-3 to 105-6 at the close, still 21 runs shy of making Suffolk bat again.

Any thoughts that Norfolk would hold up the hosts were blown away by Michael Comber, who bagged the last three wickets in quick succession as Suffolk required just 8.1 overs to finish the job.



Ollie Bocking bowling on his Suffolk debut against Norfolk at Copdock where he took five wickets.

NORFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings

S.S. Arthurton	c & b	Comber	78
J.D. Reynolds	c Mansfield	b Rash	0
T.J. New	c Mansfield	b Bocking	23
W.E. Rogers	c Mansfield	b Bocking	31
B.J. France	c Young	b Beaumont	30
M. Bint	c Cawkwell	b Beaumont	12
A. Watson	c Bocking	b Comber	1
B. Stolworthy	Not Out		38
C. Brown*	c Rash	b Ironside	1
A.J. Hanby		b Ironside	1
S. Groves†	Not Out		23
Extras 16b, 3lb, 2nb			21
Total (9 wks) 90 ov			259

2nd Innings

c Young	b Bocking	8
c Mansfield	b Young	33
c Mansfield	b Bocking	0
c Ironside	b Bocking	26
lbw	b Cantrell	12
c Cawkwell	b Cantrell	2
c Cawkwell	b Cantrell	1
	b Comber	23
lbw	b Comber	7
c Mansfield	b Comber	0
Not Out		6
Extras 1b, 2lb, 1w, 2nb		6
Total (all out) 46.1 ov		124

Fall: 0 36 96 161 171 178 182 187 189

Fall: 13 13 45 71 75 77 106
117 117 124

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	14	4	42	2	12.1	4	18	3
T.W.W. Rash	10	1	33	1	(3)	6	2	0
O.S. Bocking	15	3	58	2	(2)	11	1	3
K.P. Young	8	0	19	0		5	2	1
J.J. Cantrell	15	2	42	0		6	1	3
J.A. Beaumont	21	4	34	2		4	0	0
D. Ironside	7	3	12	2		2	0	0

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings

A.P. Mansfield*†	c Groves	b Watson	70
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Bint	b Stolworthy	111
K.P. Young		b Hanby	34
D. Ironside	c Arthurton	b Stolworthy	0
J.L.O. Cawkwell	c Bint	b Brown	15
J.A. Beaumont	c Bint	b Hanby	32
B.D. Shepperson	c Groves	b Hanby	19
T.W.W. Rash	c New	b Watson	24
M.A. Comber	c Arthurton	b Watson	45
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		22
O.S. Bocking	Not Out		2
Extras 4b, 4lb, 1w, 2nb			11
Total (9 wks) 90 ov			385

2nd Innings

Fall: 175 193 193 220 267 273 306 318 378

Bowling	O	M	R	W
B.J. France	17	2	71	0
A.J. Hanby	14	0	77	3
A. Watson	29	4	121	3
C. Brown	23	4	82	1
B. Stolworthy	7	2	26	2

Fall:

O M R W

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

At North Mymms CC, August 5, 6, 7, 2018

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: J. Beckwith and S. Shanmugam

Scorers: M. Arnold and A. J. Broome

Toss won by Hertfordshire. Result: Suffolk won by an innings and 8 runs. Suffolk 24pts, Hertfordshire 4pts

Records tumble in second win by an innings

THERE was a sense of déjà vu about this match, Suffolk winning by almost exactly the same margin (an innings and eight runs as opposed to an innings and two runs) and at almost the identical time as against Norfolk.

Where to start? Suffolk had their hosts reeling at 58-6 before Alex Axon's 86 led a recovery to 221 all out, Ollie Bocking returning excellent figures of 6-44.

Kyran Young and Jed Cawkwell led Suffolk to a strong position of 144-2 at the close of day one, and then compiled a record third-wicket partnership of 262, beating the 225 by Martyn Cull and Billy Root set in 2014.

Young (139 off 233 balls with 17 fours and three sixes) notched his first century for Suffolk and Cawkwell (135 off 206 balls with 17 fours and one six) his second. With licence to hit out against a tiring home attack Ben Shepperson and Jack Beaumont tucked in, with Beaumont (five fours and three sixes) racing to a 19-ball half century, the quickest ever in the championship by a Suffolk batsman.

Suffolk's 418 meant a 197-run lead, and although Joe Cooke hit 50, Darren Ironside took three wickets as Hertfordshire, 94-2 at one stage, lost four wickets for the addition of 36 runs.

Resuming the final morning on 172-6, the last four wickets mustered only another 17 runs as Bocking sent Ben Waring's stump cartwheeling out of the ground to give him 11 wickets in the match.

Adam Mansfield took six catches in each innings to eclipse the record set by Stuart Westley of ten in a match that had stood for 38 years.



Kyran Young during his maiden century for Suffolk against Hertfordshire at North Mymms.

HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings

R.A. Walters	c Mansfield	b Rash	12	c Mansfield	b Bocking	17
J.M. Cooke	c Mansfield	b Bocking	14	c Mansfield	b Rash	50
D. Chatfield	c Mansfield	b Bocking	0 (5)	c Mansfield	b Ironside	8
R. Hussain*	c Mansfield	b Comber	4 (4)	c Mansfield	b Bocking	7
J.E. Southgate	c Oxley	b Bocking	15 (3)	c Mansfield	b Ironside	25
S.M.S. Davis		b Rash	0 (9)	lbw	b Bocking	2
A.J. Axon	c sub (Atkins)	b Bocking	86 (7)	c Cawkwell	b Ironside	4
B.J. Cowell†	c & b	Beaumont	33 (8)	c sub (Atkins)	b Bocking	18
S.A. Kazmi	c Mansfield	b Bocking	33 (6)	c Mansfield	b Rash	47
A.J. Neal	c Mansfield	b Bocking	5	Not Out		2
B. A. Waring	Not Out		1	b Bocking		0
Extras	4b, 11lb, 1w, 2nb		18	Extras	4b, 5lb	9
Total (all out)	67 ov		221	Total (all out)	67.5 ov	189

Fall: 25 31 31 53 56 58 129 208 216 221

Fall: 35 94 96 108 116 130
173 185 185 189

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	6	1	17	1				
T.W.W. Rash	16	4	38	2	(1)	20	3	54
O.S. Bocking	18	3	44	6	(2)	17.5	3	48
K.P. Young	7	1	25	0	(3)	8	2	26
J.A. Beaumont	10	2	38	1	(5)	1	0	4
B.D. Shepperson	2	1	9	0				
D. Ironside	8	2	35	0	(4)	21	1	48

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings

A.G. Oxley	lbw	b Neal	1		
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Cowell	b Cooke	35		
K. Young	st Cowell	b Waring	139		
J.L.O. Cawkwell	c Cooke	b Southgate	135		
B.D. Shepperson	c Southgate	b Davis	28		
J.A. Beaumont	c Cooke	b Davis	57		
T.W.W. Rash	Not Out		2		
D. Ironside	c Neal	b Waring	2		
M.A. Comber	Not Out		1		
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat				
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat				
Extras	2b, 16lb,		18	Extras	
Total (7 wks)	90 ov		418	Total	

Fall: 6 63 325 327 403 413 415

Fall:

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
A.J. Neal	7	0	44	1				
S.M.S. Davis	15	2	81	2				
J.M. Cooke	8	1	34	1				
B.A. Waring	26	4	104	2				
S.A. Kazmi	18	3	60	0				
J.E. Southgate	16	1	77	1				

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

At Ipswich School, August 19, 20, 21, 2018
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: S. Cobb and C. Johnson
Scorers: A. J. Broome and Ms. S. Clayton

Toss won by Lincolnshire. Result: Match drawn. Lincolnshire 12pts, Suffolk 7pts

Suffolk dig deep to earn a hard-fought draw

SUFFOLK'S backs-to-the-wall display denied Lincolnshire victory and kept the Eastern Division title race wide open going into the last round of fixtures.

Lincolnshire looked odds-on to record victory after setting Suffolk 370 to win and then reducing their hosts to 135-7.

Tom Rash and Michael Comber then thwarted their attack, the pair putting on 97 to steer Suffolk towards safety, eating up the overs either side of tea.

When Rash was finally out for 49 after facing 128 deliveries, Lincolnshire sensed victory, but Josh Cantrell and Ollie Bocking kept Comber company long enough to secure a draw.

Comber's 56 occupied 137 balls with nine fours and was his second half century of the match after he also top-scored from No.9 in Suffolk's first innings. He struck four mighty sixes along with six fours and put on 60 with Bocking for the last wicket in his side's 203. That was in response to the visitors' 339-5 built around Bilal Shafayat's classy 134, with the former Nottinghamshire batsman adding 126 for the fifth wicket with Dan Freeman.

Lincolnshire, who started the match as leaders of the Eastern Division and one point ahead of Suffolk, extended their first innings advantage of 136 to 313 for the loss of five wickets by the close thanks to Joe Kendall's century.

Their declaration the following day looked as though it would end in victory until Rash and Comber came together, meaning Lincolnshire stretched their lead to six points ahead of the final round of matches.



Michael Comber hits out against Lincolnshire at Ipswich School where he made half centuries in both innings.

LINCOLNSHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings

J. Timby	c Mansfield	b Comber	37
J. Kendall	c Beaumont	b Comber	17
L. Kimber	c Mansfield	b Bocking	46
B. Shafayat	c Mansfield	b Bocking	134
A. Tillcock		b Beaumont	28
D. Freeman	Not Out		53
C. Wilson*†	Not Out		19
C. Free	Did not bat		
N. Keast	Did not bat		
A. Willerton	Did not bat		
J. Kimber	Did not bat		
	Extras 1lb, 4nb		5
	Total (5 wkts) 90 ov		339

2nd Innings

(2) c sub (Northcote)	b Cantrell	55
(1) c Mansfield	b Young	100
c Cawkwell	b Beaumont	0
st Mansfield	b Cantrell	10
	b Bocking	9
	b Cantrell	1
		14
Not Out		
Did not bat		
(8) c Mansfield	b Rash	10
Did not bat		
(9) Not Out		17
Extras 14b, 2lb, 1w		17
Total (7 wkt dec) 69 ov		233

Fall: 29 74 123 180 306

Fall: 124 129 156 172 173
186 201

Bowling	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	20	3	64	2	(3)	7	0	28	0
T.W.W. Rash	17	3	61	0	(2)	12	1	45	1
O.S. Bocking	21	5	72	2	(1)	21	4	73	1
K.P. Young	11	0	52	0	(6)	5	0	14	1
J.J. Cantrell	6	0	22	0	(5)	13	4	29	3
J.A. Beaumont	12	1	46	1	(4)	11	2	28	1
D. Ironside	3	0	21	0					

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings

A.P. Mansfield*†	b Willerton	10
M.G. Cull	b Free	4
K.P. Young	b Willerton	27
J.L.O. Cawkwell	b Willerton	20
D. Ironside	c L. Kimber	0
B.D. Shepperson	lbw	30
J.A. Beaumont	b Tillcock	8
T.W.W. Rash	c L. Kimber	5
M.A. Comber	c Timby	59
J.J. Cantrell	b Willerton	9
O.S. Bocking	Not Out	15
Extras 10b, 1lb, 5w		16
Total (all out) 70.4 ov		203

2nd Innings

c L. Kimber	b Willerton	28
b Willerton		4
c Timby	b Tillcock	21
c L. Kimber	b Tillcock	1
lbw	b Tillcock	22
c J. Kimber	b Free	3
c Shafayat	b J. Kimber	37
lbw	b L. Kimber	49
Not Out		56
c Timby	b Willerton	4
Not Out		0
Extras 10b, 10lb, 1w		21
Total (9 wkts) 85 ov		246

Fall: 10 24 67 67 73 91 99 124 143 203

Fall: 7 57 59 65 85 105
135 232 246

Bowling	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
A. Willerton	22	7	49	6		20	1	64	3
C. Free	16	4	45	1		10	4	40	1
A. Tillcock	24	8	69	2		35	11	64	3
N. Keast	2	0	9	0		6	2	11	0
J. Kimber	6.4	1	20	1		8	2	32	1
B. Shafayat						1	0	4	0
L. Kimber						5	2	11	1

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

At Saffron Walden, September 2, 3, 4, 2018

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: D. Browne and M. Watton

Scorers: I. Rippington and A. J. Broome

Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Suffolk won by 106 runs. Suffolk 22pts, Cambridgeshire 6pts

Suffolk win, but so do Lincs to claim the title

SUFFOLK sat top of the Eastern Division table at 5.15pm on the final day of the season after completing a 106-run success at Saffron Walden.

But Lincolnshire ground down Cumberland's resistance to clinch a 53-run victory in a rain-affected match – and with it the title – to leave Suffolk runners-up for the second season running.

Suffolk were made to work hard for their win, and even trailed by 21 runs on first innings. The visitors lost their last seven wickets for just 90 runs, after Jaik Mickleburgh's 78 had taken them to 142-2 before he was dismissed, James Sykes claiming 7-82. Michael Comber captured three wickets to leave Cambridgeshire 47-4, before Nikhil Gorantia and Rob Sayer saw the hosts close day one on 135 without being parted.

Suffolk hit back on day two to have the home team 194-8, before their last two wickets added 59 valuable runs as Ollie Bocking ended with 4-74.

Mickleburgh's 70 underpinned Suffolk second innings, which stood at 192-8 – a lead of 171 – at the close on day two.

Tom Rash (46) and Josh Cantrell (37 not out) added 84 invaluable runs for the ninth wicket as Suffolk advanced



Jack Beaumont, who took four for 21 in Cambridgeshire's second innings as Suffolk clinched victory at Saffron Walden.

to 290, leaving Cambridgeshire requiring 270 for victory – and a chance of being crowned champions themselves.

Cambridgeshire were soon in trouble at 2-2 and although Ed Ballard crashed 75 off 60 deliveries with 14 boundaries, Suffolk were always in the ascendency, Jack Beaumont bagging four for 21.

SUFFOLK C.C.C.

1st Innings

A.P. Mansfield*†	lbw	b Sayer	31
J.C. Mickleburgh	lbw	b Laws	78
K.P. Young		b Sykes	0
M.G. Cull		b Sykes	33
J.L.O. Cawkwell	c Sayer	b Sykes	6
B.D. Shepperson	lbw	b Sykes	0
T.W.W. Rash	c Ciliverd	b Sykes	22
J.A. Beaumont	c & b	Sayer	36
M.A. Comber	lbw	b Sykes	1
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		9
O.S. Bocking	lbw	b Sykes	4

Extras 9lb, 1w, 2nb
Total (all out) 77.4 ov

2nd Innings

	b Sykes	2
c Sayer	b Ormsby	70
c Guest	b Sykes	26
lbw	b Sykes	26
c Hyde	b Sykes	25
c Rippington	b Laws	29
st Hyde	b Sayer	46
lbw	b Laws	1
c Gouldstone	b Sykes	0
Not Out		37
c Laws	b Sayer	11

Extras 14b, 3lb
Total (all out) 90.5 ov

Fall: 79 80 142 149 149 160 205 213 223 232

Bowling	O	M	R	W
S.E. Rippington	5	0	17	0
B. Ciliverd	5	1	15	0
R.J. Sayer	24	4	98	2
J. Sykes	33.4	5	82	7
A.R. Laws	10	4	11	1
J. Ormsby				

Fall: 9 75 121 145 185 190

Bowling	O	M	R	W
	4	0	24	0
(5)	13.5	2	47	2
(2)	40	9	124	5
(3)	27	10	60	2
(4)	6	2	18	1

CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.

1st Innings

A.R. Laws	c Cantrell	b Comber	6
E. Ballard	Run out (Mansfield)		26
C.J. Guest*	lbw	b Comber	9
M.A. Gouldstone	c Cawkwell	b Comber	0
N. Gorantia		b Cantrell	53
R.J. Sayer		b Bocking	60
E. Hyde†		b Bocking	4
J. Sykes	c Rash	b Cantrell	23
B. Ciliverd	c Mansfield	b Bocking	22
J. Ormsby	c Mansfield	b Bocking	20
S. E. Rippington	Not Out		16

Extras 5b, 3lb, 6nb
Total (all out) 80.4 ov

Fall: 18 42 42 47 148 152 187 194 228 253

Bowling	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	17	3	56	3
O.S. Bocking	20.4	5	74	4
T.W.W. Rash	14	4	32	0
J.A. Beaumont	6	1	13	0
J.J. Cantrell	23	6	70	2
K.P. Young				

2nd Innings

c Mansfield	b Beaumont	0
c Cawkwell	b Beaumont	75
lbw	b Comber	0
lbw	b Comber	3
c Mansfield	b Comber	20
lbw	b Beaumont	7
(8) lbw	b Beaumont	10
(7) c Mansfield	b Bocking	24
c Cawkwell	b Beaumont	18
c Bocking	b Cantrell	0
Not Out		0
Extras 4b, 2lb		6

Total (all out) 47.3 ov

Fall: 1 2 32 98 98 106 136

Bowling	O	M	R	W
	15	4	42	3
	9	1	40	2
(4)	3	0	20	0
(6)	13	5	21	4
(3)	5.3	1	12	1
(5)	2	0	22	0

Facts and figures

Qualification: 100 runs/10 wickets/played in 2018

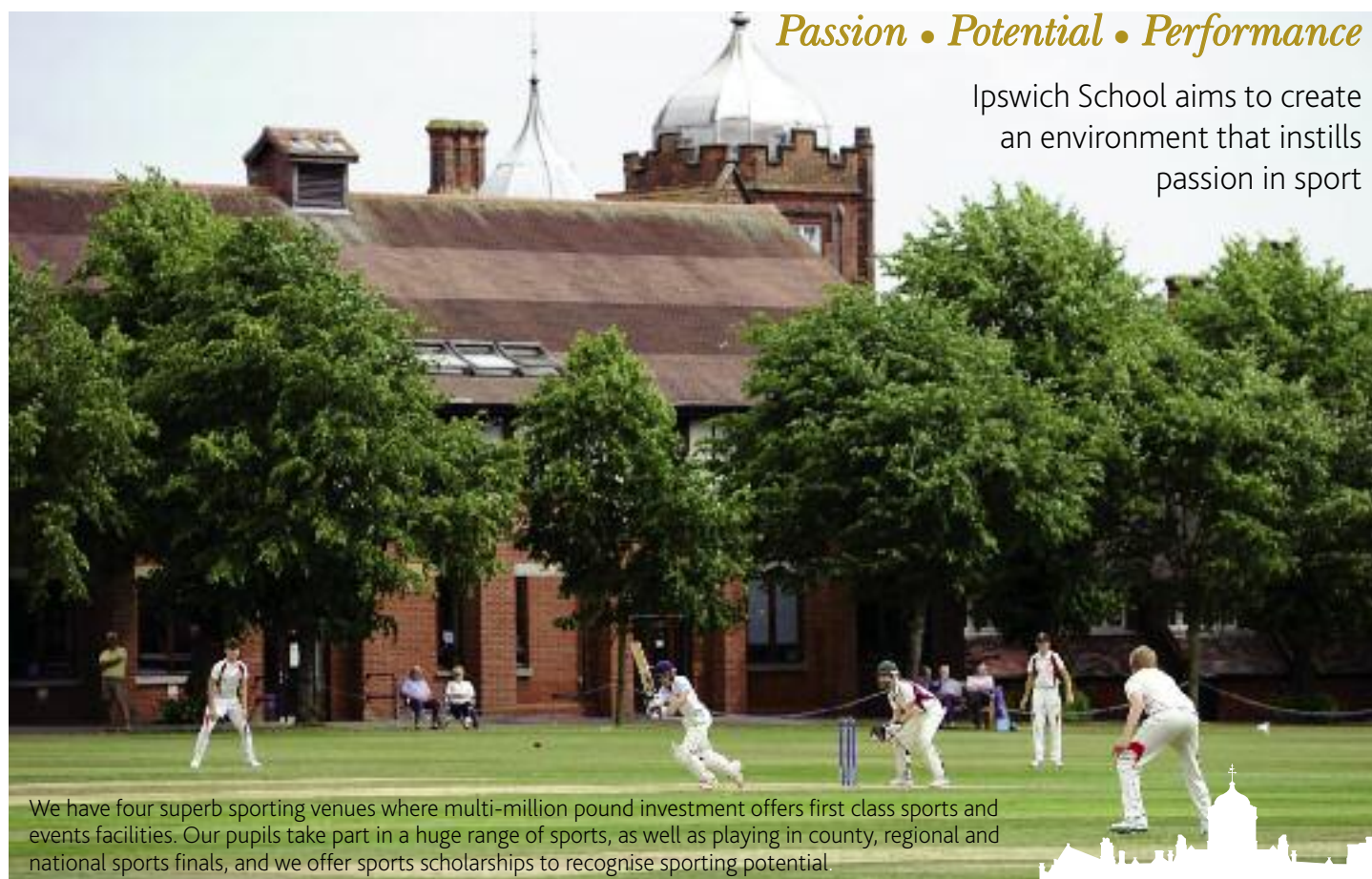
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Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av
c2008 MHS Adnan	28	48	8	2382	236*	59.55	312	9	34.66	c1954 KC Girkin	43	78	2	1809	93	23.80	929	30	30.96
1953 HW Aldous	15	18	5	102	22*	7.84	-	-	-	c1988 C Gladwin	13	26	5	1039	171*	49.47	423	9	47.00
1909 CL Alexander	5	9	1	130	58	16.25	31	0	-	1910 E Godley	7	13	1	203	45	16.91	-	-	-
1909 CW Alexander	4	8	2	212	52	35.33	20	0	-	c1990 AK Golding	54	63	19	680	79	15.45	6272	255	24.59
2001 CWJ Athey	6	11	1	205	87	20.50	167	4	41.75	1904 JN Goldsmith	22	34	11	131	14*	5.69	896	33	27.15
c1934 CC Bailey	17	27	4	347	45*	15.08	200	1	200.00	1905 R Gorell-Barnes	9	16	0	285	136	17.81	294	16	18.37
c1980 MD Bailey	67	56	17	365	24	9.35	3044	107	28.44	c1934 HB Goundry	24	37	5	479	50	14.96	1203	50	24.06
1998 A Baker	8	2	0	18	10	9.00	407	14	29.07	1980 CC Graham	20	21	12	66	11*	7.33	881	26	33.88
1948 ER Baker	27	41	6	715	66	20.42	-	-	-	c1989 ID Graham	62	88	21	1772	91*	26.44	4460	135	33.03
c1972 PD Barker	68	115	11	2354	108*	22.63	1352	50	27.04	1978 MA Grant	6	10	2	111	39*	13.87	419	26	16.11
1908 H Bassett	16	28	3	453	54	18.12	657	27	24.33	1946 JLF Gray	9	12	1	196	67	17.81	-	-	-
2010 DP Batch	3	6	2	121	72	30.25	99	4	24.75	1963 JE Green	12	19	4	258	74	17.20	-	-	-
2013 JA Beaumont	18	29	5	546	57	22.75	922	29	31.79	c1982 RC Green	65	59	27	272	19*	8.50	4751	220	21.59
c1939 BH Belle	92	148	21	4459	175*	35.11	362	9	40.22	1991 RR Gregg	33	55	7	787	90	16.39	2335	54	43.24
1909 SG Bennett	10	17	1	343	84	21.43	-	-	-	c2012 SM Guy	18	32	3	1369	216	47.20	4	0	-
c1977 DG Bevan	9	15	1	607	95	43.35	14	1	14.00	1962 D Hall	4	3	3	6	5*	-	309	18	17.16
1910 FN Bird	7	14	2	343	110*	28.58	-	-	-	1968 JE Hall	27	50	1	811	53	16.55	36	2	18.00
1938 DTM Birks	26	38	4	445	77	13.08	244	5	48.80	c1986 SJ Halliday	73	133	16	2939	113	25.11	63	0	-
c2005 JE Bishop	49	72	12	1473	88	24.55	4091	140	29.22	1974 BJ Hamer	13	12	6	55	26*	9.16	868	29	29.93
2018 OS Bocking	4	5	3	32	15*	16.00	456	25	18.24	1953 IF Hammond	7	12	1	150	51	13.63	78	1	78.00
1996 A Bond	11	9	8	22	10*	22.00	831	15	55.40	c1947 HS Hargreaves	37	43	10	313	56	9.48	3251	175	18.57
c1981 RJ Bond	37	61	13	1018	62	21.20	21	1	21.00	c1962 JM Hargreaves	91	111	35	902	55	11.86	6296	267	23.58
1947 PES Bowerbank	3	4	0	112	70	28.00	48	2	24.00	c1960 JH Harris	31	44	9	627	76*	17.91	1310	45	29.11
1906 GGS Brander	5	10	2	143	35*	17.87	12	0	-	c1981 PJ Hayes	65	90	31	1289	101*	21.84	2903	104	27.91
1951 EJ Branton	10	11	3	42	14	5.25	510	14	36.42	1988 RJ Heap	4	8	0	106	64	13.25	52	1	52.00
1986 KG Brooks	9	15	1	220	76	15.71	314	11	28.54	2004 TDC Hembry	8	10	0	210	84	21.00	-	-	-
c1985 AD Brown	91	84	38	760	61	16.52	-	-	-	1904 FAH Henley	4	6	1	57	23*	11.40	277	15	18.46
2001 AM Brown	9	16	1	458	90	30.53	7	0	-	1938 RA Henley	8	8	3	33	16*	6.60	472	12	39.33
c1934 AA Burgess	3	6	0	164	100	27.33	136	1	136.00	c1946 DF Henley-Welch	45	79	5	2338	169*	31.59	2022	81	24.96
1913 HA Busher	6	12	2	143	57*	14.30	65	3	21.66	1984 R Herbert	22	36	5	560	53*	18.06	1616	69	23.42
1991 RO Butcher	7	14	0	391	74	27.92	-	-	-	1908 SH Hill-Wood	11	19	3	368	58	23.00	-	-	-
1993 KA Butler	8	15	1	346	70	24.71	48	0	-	c1976 RNS Hobbs	32	36	9	347	29*	12.85	2771	144	19.24
c1982 PJ Caley	219	341	74	9269	150*	34.71	5960	163	36.56	c1935 GW Hockey	24	40	5	1021	86*	29.17	684	19	36.00
2016 JJ Cantrell	7	12	5	290	56	41.42	336	16	21.00	1993 MJ Holland	7	8	3	125	74	25.00	-	-	-
1994 DM Carter	15	8	4	18	9	4.50	874	38	23.00	1907 F Hollings	7	11	1	111	42	11.10	-	-	-
1904 C Catchpole	7	11	1	196	66	19.60	-	-	-	c1934 RV Howard	25	38	8	505	104*	16.83	960	23	41.73
c1935 H Catchpole	11	17	2	353	107	23.53	463	13	35.61	c1967 RF Howlett	146	243	45	5587	101*	28.21	1109	35	31.68
c1934 N Catchpole	8	13	1	147	49	12.25	823	35	23.51	1957 PB Hudson	22	32	5	309	36*	11.44	1012	33	30.66
1904 W Catchpole	11	20	0	284	42	14.20	47	1	47.00	c2006 TB Huggins	63	119	10	4920	170	45.13	4091	185	22.11
1999 MD Catley	12	22	0	620	110	28.18	-	-	-	2011 M.D. Hunn	13	12	5	53	31	7.57	953	46	20.71
c1992 RJ Catley	63	110	10	2840	130*	28.40	634	22	28.81	1906 JF Ireland	15	24	0	1100	229	45.83	590	39	15.12
c1999 TM Catley	41	67	4	1626	126	25.80	28	0	-	2017 D Ironside	8	13	2	291	125*	26.45	486	8	60.75
2016 JLO Cawkwell	9	15	0	555	143	37.00	-	-	-	1970 JPS Jamieson	6	10	1	106	31	11.77	28	1	28.00
1947 E Cawston	25	41	1	581	53	14.52	1037	36	28.80	c1971 PH Jones	97	166	24	3853	95	27.13	5924	267	22.18
c1936 RF Clark	22	31	8	446	70	19.39	-	-	-	c1934 AS Kent	19	28	6	320	51*	14.54	-	-	-
c1974 SM Clements	184	338	37	9219	154	30.62	1581	57	27.73	1987 A King	8	13	1	129	35	10.75	-	-	-
1936 AC Clift	6	9	3	51	38	8.50	457	11	41.54	1936 PAKing	9	17	3	80	23	5.71	602	24	25.08
1994 J Clinch	15	28	5	608	84	26.43	61	0	-	c1997 PD King	53	58	11	541	98	11.51	3233	106	30.50
1904 PW Cobbold	20	31	0	394	53	12.70	1886	152	12.40	c1998 GM Kirk	23	19	9	39	18*	3.90	1761	100	17.61
c1955 RA Collinge	12	17	5	244	40	20.33	933	55	16.96	2009 FA Klokcker	6	10	2	328	67	41.00	-	-	-
c2010 MA Comber	26	43	2	1192	194	29.07	1155	53	21.79	1972 DH Knights	24	45	2	762	120*	17.72	-	-	-
c1946 MD Corke	106	176	18	3405	163	21.55	184	1	184.00	1904 HW Lake	8	13	4	165	59	18.33	-	-	-
1906 PP Cornell	22	41	10	248	35*	8.00	-	-	-	1913 RD Lake	4	8	0	122	53	15.25	-	-	-
1934 VJ Covill	6	9	0	113	34	12.55	264	10	26.40	1958 FG Lambert	6	11	0	235	69	21.36	-	-	-
c1936 M Crannis	36	47	14	203	19	6.15	1799	70	25.70	1907 AH Lang	11	18	2	409	60	25.56	-	-	-
1957 JG Crisp	3	2	1	0	0*	-	157	10	15.70	1958 JDF Larter	4	1	1	0	0*	-	285	14	20.35
c2006 M G Cull	64	120	10	3857	208*	35.06	100	1	100.00	1913 HM Lawrence	5	10	3	106	62*	15.14	423	16	26.43
c1965 CJ Cunnell	59	105	15	1868	97*	20.75	2	1	2.00	c1966 CR Layne	45	51	20	200	23*	6.45	3007	119	25.26
c1960 RE Cunnell	167	262	56	5376	117*	26.09	5598	243	23.03	c2004 NT Lee	28	48	7	1341	105	32.70	5	0	-
c1957 AG Cutter	16	22	5	198	46*	11.64	1016	41	24.78	c1936 RE Leech	8	13	2	112	29	10.18	734	24	30.58
c1939 JV Daley	8	8	2	166	49	27.66	952	46	20.69	1992 S Leggett	7	6	4	9	8*	4.50	513	10	51.30
c1934 B Darvill	11	18	1	362	54	21.29	15	1	15.00	1906 VJ Lewis	16	28	1	301	63	11.14	-	-	-
1938 HT Davy	7	10	2	184	87	23.00	-	-	-	1963 DJ Ling	27	45	6	677	88	17.35	685	20	34.25
1905 RH Dewing	8	14	1	255	88*	19.61	-	-	-	c1934 FH Lloyd	9	12	2	27	6	2.70	530	13	40.76
1938 TH Diggins	9	15	4	316	104	28.72	111	2	55.50	c1934 CC Lockett	7	10	0	273	91	27.30	48	0	-
1979 RP Done	12	19	5	221	34*	15.78	848	29	29.24	1974 SRL Long	39	64	4	1197	98	19.95	18	0	-
2017 HA Douglas	5	3	2	37	16*	37.00	421	20	21.05	1938 EW Lovegrove	8	10	1	167	43	18.55	-	-	-
c1950 PR Downing	46	66	12	861	74	15.94	772	32	24.12	1952 CWS Lubbock	9	12	0	127	49	10.58	502	17	29.52
c1946 W Duckham	45	72	9	1380	96	21.90	2481	126	19.69	1963 RS Maddocks	13	18	4	107	15	7.64	771	28	27.53
2000 JP East	6	9	4	67	35	13.40	437	11	39.72	2004 DE Malcolm	9	5	2	12	12	4.00	903	34	26.55
c1991 RE East	17	20	5	229	48	15.26	516	13	39.69	c2011 AP Mansfield	29	43	8	814	70	23.25	-	-	-
c1981 JW Edrich	47	88	7	1990	107*	24.56	227	4	56.75	1980 MG Maranta	16	28	4	620	67	25.83	920	38	24.21
2007 PD Edwards	12	14	4	195	37*	19.50	768	34	22.58	c2002 AD Mawson	25	43	5	1703	162	44.81	3	0	-
c1960 RJ English	82	137	12	2633	119	21.06	3081	134	22.99	1969 B Mayes	22	35							

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1914 RD Pafford	4	8	0	143	57	17.87	63	0	-	c2002 TM Smith	22	29	6	435	49	18.91	2260	87	25.97
2010 AP Palladino	3	4	1	113	43	37.66	321	19	16.89	c1985 AJ Squire	69	121	10	3031	139	27.30	88	2	44.00
2015 BJ Parker	10	18	-	364	105	20.22	-	-	-	1904 HF Steel	9	14	0	48	16	3.42	495	21	23.57
1995 TE Parker	10	13	2	95	21	8.63	446	14	31.85	c1949 JN Stevens	45	51	21	415	51*	13.83	2964	118	25.11
c1988 MJ Peck	51	94	16	1712	80	21.94	45	3	15.00	1969 JA Steward	13	19	2	191	54*	11.23	394	9	43.77
1905 W Penfold	66	114	11	1317	84	12.78	6325	375	16.86	2013 R Stockdale	6	6	4	16	6	8.00	520	16	32.50
c1939 GC Perkins	181	210	77	2044	67	15.36	10399	779	13.34	1968 J Stoggell	11	13	4	70	17	7.77	507	23	22.04
1904 CM Phillips	19	30	4	484	59	18.61	18	0	-	c1969 JP Stuck	64	111	12	2252	113	22.74	2	0	-
1965 EJ Phillips	6	7	2	28	10*	5.60	436	24	18.16	1973 KG Suttle	15	29	1	612	60	21.85	626	26	24.07
c1997 RW Pineo	29	35	7	495	70	17.67	1894	63	30.06	c1999 CA Swallow	60	78	18	1495	72*	24.91	3671	116	31.64
c1955 CHC Piper	107	172	21	2641	120	17.49	-	-	-	1910 FL Titchmarsh	24	43	3	523	52	13.07	272	7	38.85
1969 R Plumbly	8	13	5	113	42*	14.12	-	-	-	1948 WR Towns	10	13	4	279	67	31.00	-	-	-
2014 NJ Poole	12	23	1	455	80	20.68	161	4	40.25	1973 JRA Townsend	7	14	1	337	90	25.92	23	0	-
c1934 HL Porter	58	99	9	2969	146	32.98	46	1	46.00	1914 PS Trevor	2	4	0	101	37	25.25	-	-	-
2012 JE Poulson	16	22	6	388	66	24.25	647	17	38.05	1904 FG Trudgett	64	98	34	414	20	6.46	4933	276	17.87
c1938 AG Powell	24	31	1	748	118	24.93	-	-	-	2009 PT Turnbull	5	6	1	193	89	38.60	90	1	90.00
c1934 HFJ Powell	11	17	3	433	84*	30.92	79	0	-	c1951 EJ Unwin	20	30	5	650	74	26.00	506	20	25.30
c1956 ID Prior	81	153	13	4841	136	34.57	7	0	-	1954 RC Upson	17	20	4	110	34*	6.87	748	21	35.61
c1958 MW Prior	16	23	5	154	18*	8.55	1045	53	19.71	2016 JB Wakelin	8	10	3	78	21	11.14	618	16	38.62
1904 E Pritchett	15	27	1	544	126	20.92	-	-	-	1905 OHA Walters	6	10	0	182	41	18.20	-	-	-
1986 R Pybus	18	20	12	98	24	12.25	1448	59	24.54	2010 SBJ Ward	18	28	4	699	73*	29.12	-	-	-
1905 W Quaife	38	65	3	1325	93	21.37	-	-	-	2015 MB Wareing	10	16	6	54	22*	5.40	1003	36	27.86
1948 N Quinton	9	6	3	25	13	8.33	248	10	24.80	c2000 CJ Warn	80	119	18	2791	165*	27.63	7	0	-
c1994 DW Randall	50	91	5	3935	148	45.75	30	2	15.00	c1965 AG Warrington	147	280	13	7623	130	28.55	109	2	54.50
c2011 TWW Rash	41	72	9	1578	91	25.04	2306	78	29.56	1908 F Waters	10	18	8	57	11*	5.70	520	18	28.88
1984 PWE Rawson	6	9	3	245	81	40.83	444	11	40.36	1965 AJ Watkins	7	11	1	253	53	25.30	351	19	18.47
1904 K Raynor	27	48	7	1067	96	26.02	494	28	17.64	1910 AK Watson	11	20	2	419	128	23.27	-	-	-
2015 BJ Reece	13	24	2	468	66	21.27	565	14	40.35	1964 KP Watson	9	16	1	236	64	15.73	-	-	-
2008 S Rees	16	15	4	157	30	14.27	605	17	35.58	c1934 HP Waugh	44	68	6	1515	108*	24.43	2107	84	25.08
1979 PC Rice	27	53	3	1001	78	20.02	4	0	-	1968 AL Webb	11	19	4	201	47*	13.40	258	8	32.25
c1947 MR Ricketts	53	86	4	1606	89	19.58	361	14	25.78	1934 HC Webb	3	5	0	101	61	20.20	70	0	-
c1968 RJ Robinson	109	184	32	2811	78	18.49	5674	191	29.70	2005 T Webley	6	11	3	284	109	35.50	-	-	-
1961 BA Rolph	12	19	1	326	62	18.11	203	10	20.30	1937 JH Weller-Poley	4	7	1	102	39	17.00	99	1	99.00
2014 WT Root	1	1	1	210	210*	-	35	0	-	c1973 SA Westley	97	119	31	1575	124	17.89	11	0	-
c1965 C Rutterford	137	132	61	938	57	13.21	9261	431	21.48	1911 AD Whatman	4	8	0	184	77	23.00	-	-	-
2016 MET Salisbury	4	7	2	100	58*	20.00	425	15	28.33	c1957 WAD Whitfield	37	59	13	684	69	14.86	1958	80	24.47
c1936 JM Sangster	62	101	6	2006	144	21.11	86	1	86.00	c1994 KM Wijesuriya	42	76	9	2197	112	32.79	1384	30	46.13
2006 CP Schofield	5	8	1	367	92*	52.42	472	32	14.75	c1955 BA Wilson	39	64	11	1046	107*	19.73	1057	42	25.16
1963 ME Scrutton	11	22	4	489	55	27.16	158	7	22.57	1905 CS Wilson	17	27	1	411	93	15.80	87	1	87.00
c1997 CP Seal	41	58	12	911	79*	19.80	1773	62	28.59	1908 FTD Wilson	17	30	1	778	183	26.82	887	43	20.62
1998 ACH Seymour	19	28	2	813	99	31.26	594	14	42.42	1905 HL Wilson	44	74	6	1568	131	23.05	527	16	32.93
1949 W Sharples	4	5	0	16	9	3.20	239	12	19.91	1904 FP Wood	14	25	2	283	38	12.30	142	3	47.33
c1996 KG Shaw	38	48	10	533	40	14.02	1374	45	30.53	c1984 HJW Wright	32	49	14	650	86	18.57	1964	64	30.68
2012 BD Shepperson	19	33	1	906	129	28.31	149	3	49.66	c1934 RC Wright	6	10	0	199	107	19.90	90	1	90.00
1960 CP Simpson	15	22	2	264	47	13.20	157	2	78.50	1904 HS Wrinch	8	14	1	251	70	19.30	28	1	28.00
1954 AF Skinner	4	6	1	112	41	22.40	-	-	-	1910 SH Wrinch	4	6	0	106	76	17.66	9	0	-
1936 AH Sleigh	5	10	0	121	32	12.10	6	1	6.00	2017 K Young	11	19	0	481	139	25.31	678	21	32.28
1937 GWO Smith	14	26	0	312	45	12.00	-	-	-	1988 JJ Zagni	13	21	7	215	66*	15.35	638	13	49.07
2007 MJW Smith	12	9	3	115	29	19.16	1163	35	33.22										

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MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1904 -2018

Opponents	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
Bedfordshire	76	27	19	1	29
Berkshire	8	4	2	-	2
Buckinghamshire	69	21	21	-	27
Cambridgeshire	84	22	27	-	35
Cheshire*	1	-	-	-	1
Cumberland	30	9	4	-	17
Durham	11	2	4	-	5
Essex II	24	3	6	-	15
Hertfordshire	124	30	44	-	50
Lincolnshire	78	20	19	-	39
Middlesex II	15	1	5	-	9
Norfolk	121	36	25	-	60
Northumberland	29	10	10	-	9
Nottinghamshire II	4	-	3	-	1
Oxfordshire	4	-	3	-	1
Staffordshire	35	5	11	-	19
Surrey II	11	-	8	-	3
	724	190	211	1	322

*excludes limited overs final of 1985

RECORDS

INNINGS TOTALS

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

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Highest for Suffolk: 236* Hassan Adnan v Northumberland at Jesmond 2011
 Against Suffolk: 208* 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

Wkt	Runs	Batsmen	Against	At	Year
1st:	295	McEvoy MSA/Gladwin C	Northumberland	Jesmond	1990
2nd:	240	Huggins TB/Cull M G	Norfolk	Horsford	2008
3rd:	262	Young KP/Cawkwell JLO	Hertfordshire	North Mymms	2018
4th:	257	Belle BH/Henley-Welch DF	Cambridgeshire	Fenners	1946
5th:	293*	Hassan Adnan/CJ Warn	Northumberland	Jesmond	2011
6th:	160	Bishop JE/Warn CJ	Cumberland	Mildenhall	2005
7th:	207	Guy SM/Finch JM	Lincolnshire	Sleaford	2013
8th:	124	Swallow CA/King PD	Norfolk	Mildenhall	2006
9th:	125	Maranta MG/Rutterford C	Hertfordshire	Ransomes	1980
10th:	71	Bailey CC/Clift AC	Surrey II	Oval	1937
	71*	Steward JA/Hargreaves JM	Buckinghamshire	Stowe School	1972



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KEMSLEY ROBB reviews the 2nd XI's season



The Suffolk 2nd XI that faced Bedfordshire at Copdock. Back row (left to right): Andy Broome (scorer), Dan Carter, Donald Mlambo, Jason Pembroke, James Baker, Dom Palmer, Josh King, Kemsley Robb (coach). Front row: Tristan Blackledge, Jack Beaumont, Jake Wakelin, James Poulson, Max Whittaker.

SUFFOLK 2nd XI had a mixed season. A young side won one and lost three of their five fixtures, the other being abandoned.

The first game was against Norfolk at Woolpit, Suffolk winning the toss and deciding to bowl. Suffolk had a few debutants and everyone was really upbeat and looking forward to the start of the season.

Suffolk started slowly with Jason Pembroke and George Loyd struggling with a few wides and their lengths. Dan Carter then came on and picked up a wicket in his first over to get the ball rolling. Pembroke bowled his ten overs on the bounce for a miserly 38 runs in the end.

Will Rogers made a very good century for Norfolk but no-one really was able to bat with him for a period of time. Ollie Riddick, on debut, was the pick of the bowlers with four wickets and Norfolk were restricted to 241, of which 33 were wides.

Suffolk got off to a solid start with openers Alfie Marston and Donald Mlambo putting on 50-odd for the first wicket, Marston then went and Darren Ironside followed next ball and Ben Parker shortly after. Josh Cantrell came in with Max Whittaker and both batted with great intent and maturity. Cantrell was then out for 41 and Whittaker was joined by Loyd, who kept up the tempo. Loyd ended on 31 not out and Whittaker 68 to complete a very good run chase as Suffolk won by five wickets.

Suffolk then travelled to Warseley Cricket Club to face Huntingdonshire at what was a very 'interesting' ground to play at for most of the players. The outfield was very undulating with what looked like waves across the field. Suffolk were inserted after losing the toss. Jake Foley and Atkins opened the batting, Atkins was out first to the left

arm spinner, who was getting it to turn and bounce. Foley fell after a quickfire 28, having tried to hit every ball to the boundary. Ironside came in and batted positively and looked comfortable before hitting one to short cover for 36. Whittaker and James Baker chipped in with 20s before giving their wickets away and Suffolk were soon bowled out for 160 which looked to be well short.

Suffolk needed to bowl tightly to try and defend their score. Seamers Loyd, Tristan Blackledge and Carter all struggled with lines and lengths, bowling a lot of wides. Hunts were 80-0 and looking comfortable when Foley got the breakthrough which was needed. Once spinners Ironside and Freddie Heldreich came on it looked a different game, both picking up three wickets to some very loose shots. Australian Daniel Cummins played a very good knock and ended 80 not out as Suffolk fought hard, but 160 was never going to be enough. A total of 16 wides did not help their cause in a three-wicket defeat.

Suffolk travelled to Billericay to meet Essex in a re-arranged fixture on a wet day with the game being reduced to 30 overs-a-side. Suffolk won the toss and batted due to the wicket looking a good one and the outfield being wet.

The visitors got off to a poor start and were soon 50-5 before Mlambo and Loyd got a partnership together. Mlambo played the anchor role and Loyd some good, positive cricket which other batsmen had struggled to do. Thanks to Loyd (31 not out) and Mlambo (21) Suffolk finished on 131 after their 30 overs.

It was then Suffolk's turn to field and they were going to have to bowl and field very well in order to defend their total. Pembroke was the pick of the bowlers, claiming 3-29 in his six overs.

However, Essex chased their target down with five wickets and seven overs to spare. A very poor display of bowling saw 34 wides conceded in 23 overs.

Heavy rain was forecast as Suffolk took on Bedfordshire at Copdock.

Suffolk bowled 11 overs and picked up two wickets with Bedfordshire 36-2 when the heavens opened and torrential rain fell for two hours before the game was called off. Both sides picked up one point.

Credit to Martin Taylor and everyone at Copdock for trying to get the game on though. The highlight of the day was the pulled pork and wedges which went down a treat with all players.

Suffolk headed to Saffron Walden for their last game against Cambridgeshire chasing victory to end the season on a high. With a fair bit of rain the day before the outfield was very wet and the wicket was a little green. Suffolk chose to bat as they were not keen to bowl with a wet ball and Saffron Walden is always a good wicket.

The Suffolk batsmen went at the bowlers as though it was a five overs-a-side game, losing Josh Frame and Ollie Lovejoy in the second over to big drives.

Marston then joined Foley and both got out trying to play big shots and Suffolk were 33-4 after four overs. Blackledge and 16-year-old Dan Leggett came in and steadied the ship, Blackledge making a very well-played 45 and Leggett showed great maturity as he crafted an excellent 70.

Whittaker, who was impressive all year, chipped in with 15 at the end to get Suffolk to 188 which was something to

bowl at.

Suffolk were determined to defend that score and Carter got the early breakthrough, bowling a great spell of ten overs on the bounce for 19 runs.

The ever-impressive Blackledge bowled his ten overs and took 1-20 and Riddick bowled with good control to take 2-46 in his ten overs. Sadly, this was not enough as Cambridge got over the line with five wickets intact.

Hopefully some lessons were learnt over the course of the year by the very young side fielded by Suffolk.

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Efforts were deserving of a better send-off

ADAM POLLEY reviews the Suffolk Ladies' season



Suffolk Ladies before their play-off final with Essex Eagles. Back row (left to right): Adam Polley (team manager), Becky Saunders, Lauren Swinburne, Lizzie Shaw, Natalie Samuels, Penny Everett, Bethan Absolon, Sophie Harper and Ian Absolon (head coach). Front row: Sheldene Ford-Keeble, Imogen Sidhu, Amanda Polley (captain), Katelyn Wright and Sophie Utteridge.

Photograph by Bill Byford

THE county's Royal London One-Day Cup Division 3 Group D campaign began with an away trip to Lincolnshire at Caistor CC.

Suffolk were inserted on a real 'green-top' which, coupled with a huge boundary and a lush outfield, meant optimism was low among the batsmen. However, Suffolk's new-look opening partnership of Penny Everett (65) and Sophie Utteridge (28) adapted superbly to the conditions and with an opening stand of 108 inside 22 overs, an over-par total beckoned.

Sadly, Suffolk did not capitalise on this explosive start and conspired to lose wickets steadily throughout the middle overs, largely through poor judgement than any pressure exerted by the opposition. The resultant effect on the run-rate and a desire to bat out the overs led to a below-par total of 199-9.

The very first ball of the Lincs reply began with a wicket for Lizzie Shaw as the dangerous Armitage was caught behind and Suffolk's tails were up. However, Lincs steadied the ship and at 181-4 Suffolk had seemingly succumbed to a heavy six-wicket defeat. The precocious 15-year-old Katelyn Wright then removed Simms, and this prompted a dramatic collapse as five wickets fell for just seven runs. With just two runs required from the final delivery, the ball was sliced in the air by Quinlan and it fell agonisingly over the offside ring as Lincs scampered through for the winning runs, to record a one-wicket victory. Natalie Samuels took 3-21.

Suffolk then faced old rivals Norfolk at Fakenham CC on a scorching Bank Holiday Monday. Once again, Suffolk found themselves inserted, but a good-looking surface belied its slow nature. Suffolk found themselves strangled by this young, new-look opposition. In attempting to play

expansively, wickets fell steadily as Suffolk looked determined to persist with stroke-play the conditions could not support. At 73-7, a second defeat looked inevitable until ex-skipper Vicky Mitchell and debutant Mai Easton batted sensibly and shared an eighth-wicket stand of 48 to push the final score to 126-9.

Young opening bowler Lauren Swinburne produced a superb spell of swing bowling to rip out the top order and reduce Norfolk to 34-3. The pressure never relented as Norfolk lost a further three wickets for just two runs. The damage had been done as Norfolk were dismissed for 94, Swinburne claiming 4-20.

Heavy rain the day before threatened a possible cancellation of Suffolk's fixture against Cambridgeshire. However, the ground staff at Babraham CC proved willing and with the promise of an improving forecast, play began at the normal time.

Suffolk were inserted once again, but with lessons learnt from the previous weekend, this time no chances were afforded the opposition. A monster third-wicket stand of 155 between the impressively obdurate Utteridge (scoring her maiden 50) and Natalie Samuels (becoming the first-ever Suffolk centurion in a senior match with 117) saw the visitors post a hugely impressive 256-6.

Cambs battled admirably with Routledge making 59, but the pressure of such a total proved too much for the middle order as wickets fell continually and they succumbed to 143 all out. Lizzie Shaw took 3-24 and Dani Lavender 2-5. Woolpit CC provided the home venue for the eagerly-awaited return of Lincolnshire, who in the meantime had been defeated by Norfolk. A top-of-the-table spot beckoned for the winner.

Suffolk once again found themselves batting first and a

change of tactic from Lincs paid dividends as 'pace-off' from the bowlers played havoc with the timing of the Suffolk batsmen. Suffolk were soon 14-3 and a break-out looked very unlikely. Becky Saunders (37) stood firm, but saw another wicket fall, with Suffolk reeling at 32-4. However, with a change of bowling and fortunes, Saunders found a willing partner in Sheldene Ford-Keeble (56) until she fell at 82-5. Sister and captain Amanda Polley (22) continued to wrestle the initiative from Lincs, contributing in two crucial partnerships totalling 85 runs (Vicky Mitchell 22) as Suffolk closed in on an unlikely but over-par total of 183-8.

Suffolk would need to bowl well to restrict the Lincs top order and they did just that. Producing one of the most accurate and disciplined spells of bowling seen from the team in a number of years, Lincs were prevented from scoring runs throughout the entire innings as the rate increased considerably. When the attempted break-out came, it resulted in the inevitable loss of wickets as they were bowled out for 140.

The final Group D standings would be decided upon the conclusion of the Bank Holiday weekend's 'double-header' commencing with the visit of Norfolk. Easton CC hosted the tie on behalf of Suffolk and this hidden gem of a venue looked stunning in the early morning sunshine.

On a good-looking surface, Suffolk were pleasantly surprised to have first use when Norfolk elected to bowl. Once again, Norfolk's young and enthusiastic side set about making life uncomfortable for the hosts. Suffolk contrived to lose wickets every time a partnership began to develop, to the extent that at 67-5 they were in danger of posting a much below-par total. Skipper Amanda Polley (49 not out) stood firm, and having countered a difficult period with Sheldene Ford-Keeble (20) in a sixth-wicket stand of 51, then kicked on with impressive 15-year-old debutant Imogen Sidhu (18) in a partnership of 58, to post a pleasing 181-7.

Norfolk lost two early wickets in reply at 17-2, but the middle order batted belligerently, and momentum swung back in their favour. Two solid partnerships brought their total to 113-4 and suddenly the Suffolk total was in sight. An extremely tense run chase ensued following a brief rain break that left Norfolk requiring 20 off the remaining five overs with five wickets in hand. Just six runs were required off the last over to be bowled by the brave and willing 16-year-old debutant seamer Sophie Harper.

The first two deliveries were perfectly pitched yorkers producing no runs. The third ball saw Lizzie Shaw take a head-high catch at short fine leg. The fourth ball was chipped just over the hand of mid-off, producing two runs. The fifth ball was skied as the young bowler steadied herself to take a great 'pressure' catch. Four were required off the last ball. Another stunning yorker was punched back to the young bowler who had the presence of mind to outrun the batter for a run out and seal an unlikely and stunning three-run Suffolk victory.

Following the tension and subsequent emotion of the previous day, a rather tired-looking Suffolk took the field at Long Melford CC, another stunning, picture-postcard venue in the South West of the county.

Suffolk required just seven points to secure top spot, which



Imogen Sidhu - Photograph by Bill Byford

could be earned in a high-scoring defeat. The quickest way to obtain these points with the prospect of storms looming was to bowl first. Cambs obliged by calling incorrectly and found themselves inserted.

A young Cambs line-up batted very conservatively, taking few chances and showing little ambition. Suffolk were made to work hard for their wickets, but as the innings drew to a close, more opportunities came and finally wickets tumbled with Lizzie Shaw the pick of the bowlers (3-19 off ten overs) as Cambs closed on 137-8.

Suffolk just needed one more professional effort to conclude matters and Penny Everett (37) and Sophie Utteridge (23) provided the perfect start to the reply with a partnership of 65 for the first wicket. The introduction of Beth Absolon (50) brought about a quick conclusion as Suffolk ran out comfortable winners by eight wickets with half the overs in hand. A comprehensive victory to seal the coveted top spot.

Suffolk Ladies finished top of Group D with five wins from six and had to wait for the conclusion of the Division 2 league programme to find out who they would compete against in a play-off final for promotion to Division 2 on August 26th at home. The third-from-bottom team was Essex Eagles and Long Melford was chosen as the venue. A strong affiliation exists with this club and their unwavering support and enthusiasm for ladies' cricket has made them something of a 'spiritual' home for the Suffolk Ladies.

Overhead conditions were bright and breezy and Suffolk won the toss and elected to field, hoping to find some assistance in a covered wicket that was cool and damp to touch.

Some early nerves were very much in evidence from both Suffolk's opening bowlers, Lizzie Shaw and Lauren Swinburne, as Essex openers capitalised on some loose



Sheldene Ford-Keeble - Photograph by Bill Byford

deliveries. However, both began to settle into some good spells of bowling. The wicket understandably lacked the pace required to make timing easy, and the introduction of spinner Everett further restricted Essex's scoring opportunities.

With the total on 49 off 12 overs, Janman (24) took a risky single and a brilliant direct hit from Becky Saunders at mid-on resulted in the first wicket. The second of Dodd (21) followed soon after, bowled by Lizzie Shaw with the total 53-2.

Essex looked frustrated and this pressure resulted in three clear-cut run-out opportunities of both Griffiths and Bird, before either had reached notable scores. A fourth chance of a difficult catch on the boundary resulted in a serious knee injury for young opening bowler Swinburne, who had to retire for treatment.

Sadly, none of these opportunities were taken and both Essex batters continued to attack, only this time their decision-making and shot execution was much more clinical. Suffolk bowlers capitulated under the onslaught. The extremely impressive Griffith (a Surrey Stars asset) finished with a majestic and unbeaten 155. Her partner Bird (128) showed equal enterprise and when dismissed by Suffolk's promising young off-spinner Imogen Sidhu, the total was a scarcely believable 345-3. A few more hammer blows at the end of a long innings resulted in a monumental total of 374 runs. Lizzie Shaw and Penny Everett must take some credit for very respectable figures in the circumstances.

Realistically, Suffolk could not hope to threaten such a huge score, which exceeded their highest ever total by some 130-odd runs. The batters went out to gain some experience and hopefully restore some pride in front of the home support.

Both openers Penny Everett (19) and Sophie Utteridge (17) offered a spirited reply with some nice stroke play, but the introduction of spinners Lague and Lewis turned the

screw and all remaining Suffolk batsman found scoring extremely difficult, the innings closing on a meagre 81.

It was unfortunate that a successful season had finished on such a bruising and somewhat humiliating experience for the Ladies in front of home support. Their efforts over the season were deserving of a better send-off and more appropriate celebration.

However, much can be learnt from the experience. It is clear that the differences between the respective levels is quite stark and the standards and disciplines required to compete at the higher level are something the Ladies can aspire to. The group is progressive and ambitious and continue to punch above their weight in all competitions.

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Results in Division 3 Group C of the Vitality Blast T20 competition were as follows:

Lincolnshire 108-9 (V Mitchell 3-15). **Suffolk 112-3** (N Samuels 42, S Ford-Keeble 39). Suffolk won by 7 wkts.

Suffolk 110-9 (S Ford-Keeble 56). **Cambridgeshire 91-8** (N Samuels 3-14, K Wright 3-22). Suffolk won by 19 runs.

Essex 147-4. Suffolk 99-7 (B Absolon 45). Essex won by 48 runs.

Suffolk 76-5. Hertfordshire 77-2. Hertfordshire won by 8 wkts.

Norfolk 87-8 (N Samuels 3-11, L Swinburne 3-15). **Suffolk 88-1** (N Samuels 41). Suffolk won by 9 wkts.

Essex 190-3. Suffolk 81-8 (V Mitchell 20). Essex won by 109 runs.

Lincolnshire 139-4. Suffolk 84-5 (S Robinson 30, L Kent 22). Lincolnshire won by 55 runs.

Hertfordshire 175-2. Suffolk 109-5 (A Polley 33, S Ford-Keeble 24). Hertfordshire won by 66 runs.



Katelyn Wright - Photograph by Bill Byford

Over-50s fall to national quarter-final defeat

Suffolk Seniors report by ALAN ROGERS

THE 2018 campaign for the ECB Over-50s began at a chilly Barnack CC for the match against Hunts. Winning the toss always helps as Hunts were soon reduced to 124-9 with three wickets apiece for Andrew Simmons and Sean Cooper. A brief flurry from the tailenders enabled Hunts to complete their 45 overs, finishing on 158-9. Suffolk's reply was swift with Arthur Wormington (53) and Sean Cooper (61) producing an opening partnership of 98. Victory was achieved in the 36th over.

It was also a good toss to win against Leicestershire at Sudbury CC, with Suffolk again opting to chase. The Leicestershire openers looked to have weathered the early storm as they scored 58 without loss after 12 overs. The game changer came with the introduction of Tony Stubbs to the attack. Over the course of his nine-over spell, he dismissed the top four batsmen and with it, the heart of their innings, finishing with 4-28. Cooper mopped up the tail with a three-wicket burst, but not before the last wicket had added 40 runs as they reached 208 all out. There appeared no danger when Cooper was caught with the score on 81, but losing three wickets in the space of five overs left Suffolk 131-4 and the match in the balance. Luckily Wormington (76) had stayed put and in partnership with Adrian Stockton (41 not out) began to regain control. Three more wickets down, but the win was achieved with three overs to spare.

Bedfordshire's visit to Mildenhall had several similar characteristics to the Leicestershire match, namely another toss won, bowling first, and the visitors getting off to a good start, reaching 105-2 after 33 overs. This time it was Stockton's day with the ball as his 4-36 helped the visitors collapse to 145 all out, Cooper and Simmons assisting with two wickets each. Wormington was again in the runs, his 86 not out leading to a very comfortable seven-wicket win with almost 15 overs to spare.

Another winning toss as Northants travelled to Bury St Edmunds. A strange innings from Northants as they flattered to deceive but still manage to accumulate 170 runs for the loss of nine wickets. Perhaps a generous addition of 22 extras helped. Only Timms, batting at No.5, looked really comfortable at the crease as his 33 not out held the tail together. Three more wickets for Simmons plus two each for Stubbs and John Howe. Another half century for Wormington (56), but it was an unbeaten partnership of 69 between Stockton (59) and Stubbs (25) that sealed a five-wicket win.

Winning the toss and bowling first bought a fifth consecutive victory, this time against Cambridgeshire at Foxton. A wicket in each of Paul Pallant's first two overs after coming on at first change saw the home team struggling at 34-3. Their innings came to life with a century partnership between Adams (45) and Humphreys (46) inside 17 overs. Simmons removed both batsmen in the space of three runs in his first spell and claimed a further two to finish with 4-44. Cambridgeshire completed their 45 overs with 206 runs on the board which, very carelessly, included 23 in wides. A masterful 109 not out off 113 balls



Andy Squire batting for Suffolk during his 87 against Sussex in the ECB 50+ County Championship last 16 tie at Ipswich CC.

from captain Wormington saw Suffolk once again in the play-offs. Andrew Squire (31) and Jeff Hurrell (22 not out) played valuable supporting roles.

Unfortunately, Lincolnshire failed to travel to Suffolk so the final match and a potential clean sweep rested upon the visit to Norfolk at Diss, where Suffolk once again won the toss. Opener Dewing (46) appeared to be holding the Norfolk innings together, but when he was out at 69-4, some 22 overs had been used up. The second half of the innings brought even less joy for Norfolk as just 58 more runs were added for the loss of the remaining six wickets, 4-30 from Simmons and a splendid 3-14 from Bill Byford doing the damage. For once, both openers failed, leaving Pallant (51 not out) and Stockton (40 not out) to chase down the required runs as Suffolk reached 135-2 in the 26th over. Suffolk faced Sussex at Ipswich CC in the last 16 and, for the first time in the season, lost the toss. Wormington (53) continued his good form and Squire's 87 batting at No.3 gave Suffolk a good start, but it was a vital partnership between Pallant (50 not out off 32 balls) and Byford (18 not out) that pushed the score up to 282-6. In reply, Sussex were almost dead and buried at 199-7 with less than 10 overs remaining. A superbly-struck 73 not out off 48 balls by Michael Bell almost bought about an improbable victory before the last wicket fell at 264. Byford claimed four wickets and there was three more for Simmons.

This led to a home tie against Lancashire in the quarter-finals. Suffolk, after winning the toss, were on top as Lancashire struggled to 130-6 with just 13 overs remaining.

The lower order came to the rescue as Lancs ended their innings at 209-7. Another 50 from Wormington appeared to return Suffolk to the driving seat, but from 93-1 Suffolk collapsed in dramatic fashion to 130-7. No way back from there as Suffolk were eventually bowled out for 164. A disappointing end to an otherwise successful campaign. It is worth noting that Simmons was the top-ranked bowler in the tournament with 23 wickets.

It was a difficult season for Home Counties Over-50s captain Nick Meakin as player unavailability, injuries, plus trying to fit in new players made team selection very difficult. First up was a trip to 2017 champions Middlesex. A good start for Suffolk as Middlesex were restricted to 181-7, a scorecard that was dominated by 71 by No.3 Bal Mangat. Two wickets each for Bill Byford and Neil Clark. All was looking promising as 61 from debutant Steve Titcombe and 31 from Chris Cook saw the visitors to 115-1. Alas, some poor shot selections and a crumbly pitch were responsible for a collapse that ended 14 runs short of the target. That man Mangat was also in the wickets, taking 5-33.

A better batting performance followed at Long Melford as Suffolk hit 250-7 against Hertfordshire. Another half century for Titcombe, an unbeaten 59 from Derek Bloomfield and 49 from Chris Cook profiting most. Disappointingly, Suffolk were unable to defend this total as the visitors reached their target with 11 balls to spare for the loss of only four wickets, three of which were claimed by Neil Clark. Opener Asif Padhani led the charge with 73 ably assisted with 40s from Baker, Ball and Williams.

From a decent track at Long Melford to a tricky wicket at Ashted to play Surrey. Batting first, Suffolk found runs hard to come by. Kevin Ross hit 30 from No.3, but it needed a quickfire 56 from Meakin, batting at No.8, to record a half-decent total. Suffolk were eventually bowled out for 143, having lasted only 38 overs. Three wickets for Clark and two for Ross made Surrey work for the runs, but it was the home skipper, Stephen King, who made the difference as he batted the whole length of the Surrey reply, scoring 39 not out having faced 130 balls. It was that determination that ground out a home win with just five wickets down.

Sadly, Suffolk fared little better with the bat at Mildenhall against Sussex. At least they did manage to bat all 45 overs to reach 164-9, but it took a fifty from Eric Davy, batting at No.7, to achieve that score. Former England rugby star, Rob Andrew, opened the batting for Sussex but he lasted a mere three balls before falling lbw to Ross. The damage was done by Jon Woodman, 53, and Mark Haggart, 50 not out. The visitors secured a comfortable five-wicket win with more than eight overs to spare despite an economical 2-15 from Andy Burgess and two run outs.

Despite arriving at Upchurch CC to play Kent with only ten men including two Over-60s, Suffolk put up a reasonable challenge. Kent opening bat, John Olufawo hit a 47-ball half century, but they were then restricted by Ken Jones's 3-43 and Steve Bulger's 1-21. Unfortunately, the Kent captain Clive Towe was able to blast an unbeaten 42 not out to help add 50 runs from the last six overs. At tea, Kent were 232-6. In reply, Derek Bloomfield hit 43, but he lacked a long-term partner as wickets tumbled all too regularly. Six other batsmen got into double figures, but none could kick on to

get that vital decent score to get Suffolk closer to the target. The ninth and final wicket fell with the score on 191 in the 41st over.

There was a run-fest at Copdock & OI CC as Suffolk entertained near neighbours Essex. However, it was Essex who benefited most as they racked up 305-5 after being asked to bat first, with opener David Thrift (98) and Paul Keaney (72) leading the way. Whilst Ross and Burgess both claimed a brace of wickets, John Bafico was the most economical with 0-25 from seven overs. The Suffolk openers could not replicate Thrift's performance and so the required run rate steadily grew. There were 30+ scores from Bill Byford, Steve Smith and Russell Tampion which helped to keep the deficit under three figures. The Suffolk innings ended at 206-9.

The final away match was against Buckinghamshire. Batting first, Suffolk recorded a decent total of 232-6, with Ross (68), Davy (45) and Meakin (40) all making useful contributions. Any hopes of a first win were soon dashed as in reply, the Bucks openers were relatively untroubled as they compiled a double-century opening partnership. Bulger claimed the wicket of John Iqbal (108), but Nigel Field remained unbeaten on 107 to guide Bucks to a nine-wicket win. A much-needed victory was finally achieved against Berkshire, the last fixture of the season. Eighty from opener Chris Cook plus 40 from Davy helped Suffolk to 242-8. At 59-3 Suffolk were contemplating a comfortable victory, but Ian Herrington (82) and Steve Taylor (51) then took Berkshire to 199-4. Fortunately, Suffolk held their nerve as the visitors edged ever closer, but managed to restrict Berkshire to 239-6.

The Over-60s 1st XI started the season cold having had a couple of practice matches rained off. This was reflected in the heavy defeat suffered at the hands of a strong Essex XI. Steven Adcock hit an unbeaten 88 out of 232-6 at Garon Park in Southend. Suffolk's reply never threatened the hosts, being bowled out for 117, with only Colin Walters and Stuart Stobbs scoring more than 20 runs. Suffolk got on the winning trail with Norfolk visiting Woolpit. Batting first, Norfolk opener Peter Coote's 66 was the mainstay of their 165-3. Captain Walters found form after the previous week's poor show as he played the Norfolk bowling for an unbeaten century that took only 92 balls. The result was a comfortable eight-wicket win. The new league table looked even better after Suffolk completed a comfortable win against Bedfordshire at Woolpit. Suffolk's 221-6 was based around an 81-run partnership between John Gallant (53) and Kevin Dobson, who made 63. Suffolk's miserly bowling put Bedfordshire well behind the required run rate, before Frank Simpson's 58 lifted them to 195-7. There were two wickets each for Dave Hinchcliffe and Peter Webb.

Suffolk almost caused a major upset when Hertfordshire came within two balls of defeat at Langlebury, the hosts not having lost a group match for a number of seasons. Suffolk's 165-8 could have been more but for some poor shots from the top order, but at least Stobbs' 46 gave the bowlers something to defend. Herts were 106-5 and struggling, especially against the bowling of Alan Burt whose nine overs yielded 3-27. Crucially, home captain Duncan Elder (75 not out) and Eddie Gunning (33 not out)

ground out a hard-won victory after putting on 60 for the sixth wicket.

Suffolk suffered another close defeat at the hands of Cambridgeshire at Long Melford. Walters, Gerry Artindale, and Neil Hames were all in the runs as Suffolk raced to 162-2. From that platform a win should have been recorded, but the innings subsided to 219-7. In reply, Cambridgeshire were grateful for 56 from Mick Ketteridge and 47 not out from Ashley Brown as chances to remove these two were missed. Despite three wickets apiece from Hinchcliffe and Tony Penman, Cambridgeshire squeezed home by three wickets with four balls in hand. It seemed like groundhog day as Suffolk travelled to Cambridge for the return fixture. Again, 214-9 could have been many more, but apart from Walters (36) and Hames (49) the remaining batsmen failed to capitalise on a decent start. For Cambridgeshire, Nick Andrews (58) and Neil Smith (48 not out) benefited from missed chances as the hosts won with six wickets down and one over to spare.

At least Suffolk did not suffer the last-over syndrome against Essex at Mildenhall. Although Suffolk lost by 41 runs, 227-7 against Essex's 268-4, there were some encouraging performances, notably Penman (63) and Ken Jones (55), who added 116 for the fifth wicket. Earlier, Simon Sargent, the visiting captain, had struck a near flawless 115. The 'near misses' returned to haunt Suffolk on their final two away trips, Norfolk at Old Buckenham and Bedfordshire at Flitwick. This despite Simon Halliday being in fine form with the bat, 76 against Norfolk and 101 against Bedfordshire. Norfolk eased past Suffolk's 185-9 with four balls to spare and Bedfordshire's win was even closer, having just two balls in hand to pass Suffolk's 221-7. Suffolk's total was mainly based on a 134-run partnership between Halliday and Kevin Dobson, 68 not out.

The final group match, Hertfordshire at Copdock, bore no resemblance to the earlier reverse fixture. A free-flowing Hertfordshire amassed 289-2, thanks enormously to an undefeated 236-run partnership between former Suffolk batsman Simon Clements (123) and David Robinson (101). There were runs aplenty for Suffolk as well with 72 for Halliday and 77 for Walters, and 258-5 was a good reply against the Eastern group winners.

The group results left Suffolk short of qualifying for the national play-offs, but with all the non-qualifying counties wanting to play more games, a mini-competition for the Bowl was organised. First up were Leicestershire at Bury St Edmunds. Apart from captain Robert Ogden's 60, Suffolk's bowlers mainly held the upper hand, with a splendid 4-13 from Guy Robins and 3-32 from Nick Oakley. Once again, Halliday (80 not out) and Dobson (46) helped to chase down their target of 184 for the loss of only four wickets. A tricky long distance trip to Yorkshire looked to have ended Suffolk's season as at 57-6 chasing Yorkshire's 154-8, the match was almost out of reach. That is until Jones joined Robins at the crease following the loss of the sixth wicket. With a superb rearguard action, Robins (40) and Jones (56) saw off the Yorkshire bowlers to register an unbeaten century partnership. The victory was also just rewards for Hinchcliffe, who had produced his best performance of the season with 5-18 from nine overs.

The reward was a home semi-final tie against



Paul Pallant hoists the final ball of the innings over mid-wicket to bring up his half century against Sussex in the ECB 50+ County Championship last 16 tie at Ipswich CC .

Cambridgeshire and a chance for revenge for the two last-over defeats in the group stages. Revenge was taken at Sudbury with a good all-round bowling performance to restrict Cambs to 147 all out. Peter Webb returned the best figures of 3-23. As Halliday's good form continued with another half century, so Suffolk eased into the final with seven wickets in hand. Berkshire were the opponents in the final, which was staged at Ipswich CC. Batting first, Berkshire had to rely on ex-Suffolk man, Gordon Morgan, to record a decent total. Having added 138 for the first wicket with captain David Tooze (48), Morgan went on to record his century before he became the first of Hames's three victims. Suffolk managed to stifle the middle order as the visitors ended their innings on 214-4. The reply got off to a good start with 42 from Walters. Whilst Suffolk were keeping up with the run rate, there was the worry of losing regular wickets, although 40 from Stobbs and 33 from Jones looked to have swung the match in Suffolk's favour, but then came the 45th and final over. Eight runs needed with two wickets left became three runs needed with three balls left. The fourth ball yielded one run, but with John Morgan run out at the non-striker's end, and disaster struck on the fifth as Robins planted the ball into the hands of mid-wicket. The curse of the last over had struck one final time. A modicum of success for the Over-60s 2nd XI as an even record of five wins and five defeats was enough to qualify for the national play-offs, albeit with a lowly seeding.

For the second year running, Suffolk had double success against Bedfordshire. At home, opening bursts from Stuart Carpenter (2-6) and Steve Bulger (2-7) left the visitors reeling from which they never recovered. A total of 89 all out was never enough to defend and at 90-0 a good

confidence-boosting first win of the season was achieved. The return leg was definitely a day for the batters as Bedfordshire hit 211-3, two of those three falling to Bulger. Not too many worries for Suffolk as Peter Lack's 65 helped to ensure a comfortable four-wicket win with six overs to spare.

Hertfordshire are fortunate to be able to field two relatively strong teams and thus, like the 1st XI, both ties went in Herts' favour. Peter Boughton's 70 not out in the home match was the stand-out performance out of a total of 134-5. Alas, Herts passed this total for the loss of only two wickets. In Hertfordshire, there was a better performance despite having to chase a stiff target of 257-8. Suffolk got to 209-7, a deficit of 48 runs, with Boughton top-scoring with 46. Bulger also had a good match with 2-45 and a half century.

Suffolk suffered a heavy against Essex in the away match, but the home match was a much closer affair. Despite the best efforts of opening bowler Bruce Tompkins with 2-17, the hosts finished their 45 overs at 200-5. Suffolk did manage to bat all 45 overs, but the scoreboard only showed a lacklustre 114-7, with no batsman scoring more than 20. At Mildenhall for the return, Suffolk batted first and at tea had scored 155-8, opener Rob Jenkin with 45 and another 50 for Boughton. A much-improved bowling performance ensured that this match would be a lot closer. Indeed, Carpenter's nine overs came at the cost of just ten runs and yielded one wicket. Being unable to dislodge No.6 Vic Simmons proved to be Suffolk's downfall as his unbeaten half century proved key, the winning run coming off the last ball of the match.

The win bonuses went with home advantage against Cambridgeshire. At Wisbech, Neil Smith (97) and Ashley Brown (84) saw Cambs close on 257-4. However, a spirited reply led by Jenkin (79) and Lack (66) got Suffolk to 223-6, a margin 34 runs shy of the target. Without Smith and Brown, it was Cambs' turn to struggle as they travelled to Melton St Audry's. Miserly bowling figures, including 2-23 for Jeff Lewis, restricted Cambs to 134-7. Captain Ray Black (75 not out) enjoyed a century opening partnership with Jenkin (47) as Suffolk cruised to a nine-wicket win with more than 15 overs to spare.

Not only did Suffolk double up against Buckinghamshire, but both matches ended up with the same result – a five-wicket victory. At Wolverton Town, Lewis's 3-27 helped to restrict the home side to 131-9. Suffolk might well have struggled to pass this modest total had it not been for 33 from Lack and an unusually patient 32 from Bulger. There were more runs on the board at Worlingworth, but the match ended with the same result. Visiting skipper Roger Garrini hit 71 out of 188-5. For Suffolk, there were more runs for Jenkin (58) and Bulger (47) as the target was passed in the 44th over.

There was a long and fruitless journey down to Hampshire for the first round of the play-offs. After being put in to bat, Suffolk had a superb start, with Jenkin and Black recording an opening partnership of 136. Black was first out with 56 to his name and Jenkin (63) second out with the score on 142. Sadly, Suffolk could not capitalise on this start and so the innings finished on 193-5 after 45 overs. Two early wickets looked to give Suffolk an advantage, but a century

partnership for the third wicket between Andy Yorke (48 not out) and Leon Nurse (78) led to early exit from the competition. In the Plate competition, Suffolk gained victory over Worcestershire by concession, but then had to concede to Hertfordshire in the second round.

A trawl through the records on play-cricket led to the discovery of a further 20+ Over-60s playing regular cricket in the Two Counties. Under the guidance of Ray Black, a 3rd XI was formed and a few friendly matches arranged. If the availability remains then in a year or two, the 3rd XI may well join in the national competition.

Results-wise, it was a poor, winless summer for the Over-70s, but having qualified to play for the most senior of the senior's teams, it is a bonus to be able to don the whites and continue to play county cricket. In addition, major players Graham Penny and Bob Perrett were unavailable for the whole season.

There were heavy defeats home and away against both Sussex and Essex with few stand-out performances. However the 60s 2nd XI captain Ray Black, whilst not yet at that magical age but qualifying under competition rules, was able to bolster the batting and scored half centuries in both matches against Essex.

In the home tie against Hampshire, Black's form was confirmed with an unbeaten century which, alas, could not produce a victory, but did result in one of the closer defeats. Sadly, Suffolk had to concede the away leg. The two matches against Hertfordshire rewarded the 70s with their closest of finishes. In Hertfordshire, 40s from Chis Watson and Derrick Messent were in vain as Suffolk could only muster 153-9 in response to Herts' 207-3. At Hadleigh, the margin was down to three wickets after Doug Andrews's 54 out of 161-5 had given Suffolk a fighting chance. Mark Sargeant (3-25) slowed the Herts reply before the visitors hit the winning runs with just one ball to spare.

Kent gained a comfortable seven-wicket win at Felixstowe after a poor batting performance. It took 36 from Dave Howe, batting at No.7, for the total to reach three figures as Suffolk struggled to 108-8. A fine opening burst from Bruce Tompkins (2-10 from nine overs) had Kent on the back foot, but they recovered for the loss of only one more wicket to reach their target in the 40th over. The return leg in Kent was rained off and was regrettably not possible to reschedule. Suffolk lost both matches against Surrey with a combined deficit of 228 runs. Away, Suffolk failed to capture any wickets as the opening bats both scored tons in an impressive total of 278. In reply, Watson's 33 was the highlight of Suffolk's 149-7 and a thumping 138-run defeat. The scores were not as disastrous at home as Surrey were restricted to 215-5, Derek Cook claiming two of those wickets. Sadly, there was not much improvement with the batting, but at least at 125-5 the losing margin was down to 90 runs.

The only match possible against Norfolk was played at Melton St Audry's with a T20 format. Batting first, Suffolk recorded a total of 84-9, with Andrews top-scoring with 29. Mark Sargeant's 2-19 was alas not sufficient to prevent Norfolk from reaching the target for the loss of five wickets. Finally, a big thank you to all our host clubs and their volunteers, the umpires, the scorers, and our loyal sponsors and supporters.

Andy scores a triple century for Suffolk!

Andy Broome (right) has 'scored' more runs for Suffolk than anyone else. The county's scorer since 1985, Andy did his 300th game last season. Nick Garnham asks the questions...

How does it feel to reach 300 not out?

I am amazed how quickly time has gone by from starting in 1985. I have completed 174 Championship matches, 90 knock-out games including the C&G and NatWest Trophy and, of course, the KO Final at Lord's plus 13 T20 and 26 Second XI games.

When you started scoring for Suffolk did you ever envisage you would reach 300 games?

Never, I have always enjoyed competing long distances and have always said aim for the moon.

What was the dream you had when you were 12 years old?

When I was 12 (1962) I was lying in bed ill with a very high temperature. Doctor's orders were to stay there till the fever had gone down. Beside me I had my Teddy Bear Mansoor Ali Khan, Nawab of Pataudi (yes, he is still with me) and a radio tuned in to Radio 3 (Test Match Special) and the voice of Rex Alston as England were playing Pakistan. Colin Cowdrey and Lord Ted (EW Dexter) had scored heavily and David Larter took five wickets on debut. Pakistan followed on and as I drifted in and out of sleep I dreamt of walking out on to a Test arena wearing the Three Lions on my chest. Fifty-plus years later this is fading fast. But why Three Lions just once when I have achieved one Suffolk Lion 300 times? Oh yes, and England won by 10 wickets.

Is it right that you are taking a step back and are only going to score Championship matches this season?

Yes, for several years I have had someone in mind to take over the reins. But I don't want to throw him in the deep end, so for 2019 I have asked him to do the T20 games complete with all the paperwork, etc. I shall continue doing the KO Trophy and Championship. One year at a time.

Who is going to score the T20 games?

John Abbott, who was on one of my first ECB Training Courses. I felt then I had found the person to do the next umpteen years scoring for Suffolk. At the moment he is scoring for Ipswich & East Suffolk. John has already had a sample when covering for myself on a couple of KO games.

How many more years do you envisage carrying on scoring for Suffolk?

I don't want to give up completely. Age, fitness and, more importantly, concentration are taking a toll. It's also not fair to keep John waiting. I am quite happy to drop down to being No.2 and be the cover again. You never know, maybe there is something else in line for me! Most of the players in 2018 were not born when I started scoring, but it is their enthusiasm and the want to win that keeps me going.

What is the most enjoyable aspect of your job?

Meeting people and making long-lasting friendships. You



may not see them for two years but when you do it is just like yesterday. Not to mention some very good cricketers past and present. As scoring has moved on from box system (scorebook) to computer, analysis has become easier and the requirements of coaching staff can be met. You are one of the team.

Is there one game out of the 300 that sticks in the memory more than any other and, if so, why?

It has to be 2007 KO Final against Cheshire. Not only because we won, but going back to my dream I walked out onto Lord's as an official and stood where my boyhood heroes stood, on the steps of the pavilion at Lord's. Two years earlier I was there scoring for Australia against England. This time it was for my Suffolk Lion. A very proud moment indeed.

Who is your all-time favourite Suffolk player and why?

That's a difficult question to answer. I don't think I have anyone but I have many people to thank – Tony Warrington for giving me the chance; Russell Green my chauffeur in the early days; club mate Andy Squire who took over that role later; all the captains, especially my old mucker Phil Caley; one professional sticks out Derek (Rags) Randall, a hero of mine and to be in the same set up was an honour.

There are many, many people off the pitch to thank. From the coaches, Andy Brown, Kevin Brooks, Bob Flack up to the present day and Andy Northcote, to the chairman Norman Atkins, the secretary Toby Pound and not to forget the catering (tea ladies) who have always looked after my need for a coffee. Also, the media for always giving me a hard time, but I would not want it any other way!

Can you name your all-time Suffolk XI?

My all-time squad would be Simon Clements, Jaik Mickleburgh, Hassan Adnan, Derek Randall, Adam Seymour, Phil Caley (captain), Chris Schofield, Hedley Wright, Tom Rash, Andrew Golding, Adam Mansfield and Russell Green. Future players to watch for are Alex Oxley, Josh Cantrell plus one other, but that's another dream!



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Story of a scorching hot summer and successful season for Suffolk

THE 2018 season provided some memorable moments for players and supporters alike of Suffolk's Minor Counties side. Suffolk finished runners-up in the Championship and lost by the narrowest of margins to Devon in the semi-final of the KO Trophy in a see-saw contest at Sidmouth. The seaside resort was one of several picturesque venues that Suffolk visited during the course of what was a summer blessed with scorching hot weather. Handbook editor Nick Garnham, whose camera accompanied him on his travels, selects some of his favourite shots of the season.

1. The pavilion dominates the skyline at scenic Banbury CC as Suffolk produce a splendid performance in the field on their way to defeating Oxfordshire in the Unicorns KO Trophy Quarter-Final.
2. The scoreboard at the Victory Ground shows Bedfordshire are a scarcely believable 23-8 half-way through their innings in the second T20 match at Bury St Edmunds.
3. Norfolk's fielders appeal in unison but unsuccessfully for lbw against Suffolk batsman Kyran Young at Copdock.
4. Suffolk all-rounder Michael Comber batting out for a draw as the shadows lengthen around him against Lincolnshire at Ipswich School.

5. Ben Shepperson contemplates how close the county came to reaching the Unicorns KO Trophy Final as shown on the Sidmouth scoreboard behind after the scores ended level in the semi-final versus Devon.
6. The thatched pavilion at the picturesque seaside resort of Sidmouth CC, scene of Suffolk's Unicorns KO Trophy semi-final defeat to Devon.
7. Sheep graze in the background with a church in the distance as Suffolk field against Hertfordshire at North Mymms CC.
8. Spectators seek shelter from the sun under umbrellas as Tom Rash bats on a scorching hot day against Staffordshire at West Bromwich Dartmouth.



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SIR WILLIAM ALDOUS

SIR William Aldous was a High Court judge who also played Minor Counties cricket for Suffolk.

He was born in London on March 17th 1936, and after the Second World War his family settled in Freston, just outside Ipswich.

At Harrow School he was captain of football and kept wicket for the cricket 1st XI.

He was only 17 when he became one of the youngest players to make his Suffolk debut in 1953.

Aldous went on to play in a total of 15 Minor Counties Championship matches, scoring 102 runs at 7.84 with a top-score of 22 not out. He took 17 catches and made eight stumpings.

After National Service, he was accepted to read law at Trinity College in Cambridge, and subsequently pioneered an area of law (trademarks and copyrights) that when he started in 1960 was considered so obscure it didn't really have a name.

He was called to the bar in 1960 and as his practice grew his family moved back to Suffolk, where they could enjoy riding. Aldous took silk in 1976 and was head of chambers from 1981-1988 until his appointment to the High Court bench in 1988, before becoming a Lord Justice of Appeal in 1995.

He died of acute myeloid leukaemia on March 17th 2018, the day of his 82nd birthday. He leaves a wife Gill, with whom he had three children – Emma, Richard and Nicola.



DAVID LING

DAVID Ling, who played for both Suffolk and Middlesex, died suddenly on November 3rd 2018. He was 72.

Ling, who was born in Enfield on July 2nd 1946 but educated in Ipswich, was a top-class sportsman. He also played rugby for Bedford, Sale and Wasps.

He joined Middlesex County Cricket Club straight from school as a 15-year-old and graduated from the 2nd XI to the first team, where he played alongside England stalwarts such as Fred Titmus and Peter Parfitt.

A right-handed batsman and right-arm medium pace bowler, he played 14 first-class matches for Middlesex between 1996 and 1968. Ling scored 174 runs, with a highest score of 40, at an average of 14.50, and captured seven wickets at 55.14, with best bowling figures of 3-24.

In his one List A appearance in 1967 he was dismissed for a duck and returned figures of 1-37.

He made his Suffolk debut in 1963 and made a total of 27 appearances in the Minor Counties Championship.

He scored a total of 677 runs at an average of 17.35 with a highest score of 88, and took 20 wickets at a cost of 34.25 apiece.

Ling, who played his club cricket in Suffolk for Copdock, Fisons, Ipswich Greyhounds and Woolverstone Hall, turned out for Ipswich YMCA, before switching to Ipswich Rugby Club, who he captained in the mid-1970s.

He also represented Suffolk and the Eastern Counties and, after taking up a full-time sales career with international sportswear company Adidas, played for Wasps and Bedford.

He took part in an England trial game, playing for the England Possibles XV versus an England Probables XV at Gloucester.

Promotion in his job saw Ling move to Congleton in Cheshire, close to the company's headquarters, where he joined Sale and played alongside England internationals Steve Smith and Fran Cotton.

In recent years Ling, who died following a short illness and leaves a sister, a wife, two daughters and four grandchildren, had been living in Lichfield in Staffordshire.

BRIAN MAYES

FORMER Suffolk all-rounder Brian Mayes passed away on March 24th 2018, aged 67.

A right-hand batsman and leg break and googly bowler, Mayes made 22 appearances for Suffolk in the Minor Counties Championship between 1969 and 1980.

He scored 391 runs at 14.48, with a top score of 67 not out and claimed three wickets at a cost of 79.66 each.

His only List A appearance for Suffolk came in the Gillette Cup tie versus Sussex at Hove in 1980. Mayes scored 13 not out and conceded six runs in his only over.

Mayes, who was born in Ramsgate on April 11th 1950, played his early club cricket for Woolverstone Park at a time when his father was cricket coach and groundsman at Woolverstone Hall School.

Mayes subsequently took up a teaching post at Harold Hill School, later known as King's Wood School. He retired as deputy headmaster in 2010.

He leaves a wife Sue, daughter Emma and son Simon.

JON TRIMBY

JONATHAN Douglas Trimby, a left-handed opening batsman, died at the age of 80 in November.

He used to pay his match fees with mushrooms from his farm at Peasenhall in his days with Saxmundham Cricket Club in the sixties.

He had a spell with Thorpeness until that club folded and then spent the rest of his cricketing career at Yoxford, where he was club captain.

In his latter years he tended the ground at Yoxford for whom his son, Martin, still plays.

Both Jon and his elder brother Robin, an England amateur football international, played for the Old Foresters in the Arthur Dunn Cup. Jon suffered a serious ankle injury playing football, failed to receive medical attention at the time and limped badly in his later years.

Two of his grand-daughters are in the Yoxford Under-11 coaching squad.



PUT IT THERE: Back in 2007 Keith Cracknell, of sponsors Brooks and Wood, confirms his company's continued support of Suffolk to captain Phil Caley, before the cup match with Staffordshire. Looking on are Kevin Brooks, the director of cricket, and players from left, Paul King, Chris Schofield, Justin Bishop, Nick Lee, Toby Hembry, Andrew McGarry and Chris Swallow.

KEITH CRACKNELL

KEITH Cracknell was a former Suffolk County Cricket Club Vice-Chairman and main sponsor.

At the time of his sudden death, aged 73, at his home in Walton, Felixstowe on Monday, November 26th 2018 he was Chairman of Copdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club.

He was born in Bedingfield on October 9th 1945 and after serving his apprenticeship as a carpenter, progressed his career through the building industry before joining Brooks & Wood as a director.

Through Cracknell and fellow director Tony Wood, Brooks & Wood got involved in local sports sponsorship, firstly with the Ipswich indoor cricket side in the National League and then Suffolk CCC.

Kevin Brooks first met Cracknell, who was Suffolk CCC Vice-Chairman in 2014 and 2015, more than 30 years ago when managing the indoor cricket stadium in Ipswich before becoming Suffolk's Director of Cricket.

He said: "His infectious nature had an immediate impact as soon as he got involved with Suffolk as I knew it would and well before his appointment as Vice Chairman.

"He became a wonderful ambassador for the county and still was despite no longer serving on the committee. He has always been welcomed back with open arms by the opposing counties wherever Suffolk were playing, often receiving invitations to join their respective committee members for lunch and tea such was his popularity on the circuit.

"He was held in such high regard by all the players, who had the upmost respect for both Crackers and Tony. The players knew it was largely due to his and Tony's support that we were able to maintain our position at the forefront of Minor Counties Cricket, but I am not sure they were ever totally aware of the immense pleasure they give him from the success they enjoyed as a team.

"He was always the first with his hand in his pocket when it came to supporting the county, but with his network of contacts and his presuasive nature, he was able to encourage others to add to the coffers, which gave us the financial stability to remain competitive in a semi-professional arena.

"Over and above the generous sponsorship he and his fellow director Tony Wood provided for Suffolk through Brooks & Wood at the time, he was always on hand to support the committee in any way he could from selling raffle tickets or scorecards around the ground to setting out seats for spectators to sit on. Nothing was ever too much trouble.

"On a personal note he and I along with his partner Hazel shared many special times together not just to do with cricket but in other walks of life too, however so far as cricket was concerned none that compared to the day Suffolk won the Minor Counties KO Cup Final in August 2007. There was certainly no prouder person at Lord's that day than Keith."

After Cracknell, who during his playing days was wicket-keeper and captain of Falconers CC, where he also looked after the wicket, stepped down as the county's vice-chairman he got involved with Copdock & O. I. CC.

He took over as chairman of the club in November 2016, after serving a year's apprenticeship as vice-chairman to stalwart Steve Gauke. Club official Martin Taylor said: "In his all-too-brief time he brought warmth, energy and his own unique sense of purpose to the club.

"In his first year he played a very important part in the drive to complete the pavilion extension and refurbishment, and amongst a list of so many things to remember him by was his solid support for a young Copdock side battling in the EAPL in attending most games home and away with Hazel."

It was around seven years ago that Cracknell, who was also a member of Essex CCC, went to watch Stuart Boardley, one of his employees, play for Leiston FC. This led to him becoming Financial Board Member and a Vice-President of the club.

Keith met his long-time partner Hazel in the early 1980s. He leaves two daughters, Tracey and Emma, and Tracey and son-in-law Richard's two children, Josh and Lily. Hazel had three daughters – Jane, Sally and Wendy – who between them have four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Exciting summer awaits for everyone involved

By NICK SHRUBSHALL, Chairman of Suffolk Cricket Board

THE summer of 2019 promises to be one of great action and excitement, with the return of the Aussies for the next round of Ashes matches, and the 50-over World Cup, preceding that during June and July.

England will obviously stand out as one of the favourites as they continue to have an excellent run of series wins, so will no doubt wish to continue that and look to cement their position as number one in the world.

Nearer to home, Suffolk will look to enhance their fine season of 2018 and continue to develop as a young and exciting team. They will have the full support of the Board. It is vitally important that the county side is the focal point of all our club cricket, enabling all players to have sight of the 'pyramid' system where there is a clear pathway for development.

With the backing of the ECB, we will be continuing to fully support with development of all players, through from boys and girls at five years old, to the county age groups at

all levels. Club development and support is at the heart of existing core funding, and with the potential increase in monies coming with the latest media deals, we have the basis for developing the game across the county.

The coming year will also be an important one for Women's and Girls' cricket, with the first steps towards a new structure around regional teams rather than existing first-class county groups.

This is a prelude to the new league, due to commence in 2020, which will hopefully give a clear pathway for our talented individuals and allow greater links to local clubs for women and girls of all ages.

Once again, our support for this area of the game will be at the front of our plans.

So let's hope that we see the sunshine again in 2019, and enjoy the game at all levels. The Board will continue to support the game in all areas as we move towards an exciting period for all involved with our wonderful game.

New agreement should benefit recreational game

By ROB JONES, operations manager of Suffolk Cricket Board

I AM sure we're all looking forward to what promises to be an action-packed season in England with the Cricket World Cup and Ashes.

The ECB launched a Cricket World Cup funding scheme towards the end of last year which offered up to 200 cricket clubs the chance to receive £1,000 towards either a digital or social project for their club. I know a number of Suffolk clubs took advantage of this offer and I hope it makes for an enjoyable season. For those that didn't apply or missed out, please look at the 'Club Support' section on the ECB website or contact us to see how we can potentially help your club.

In terms of recreational cricket in Suffolk, the Alliance Sunday League (at the time of writing) have offered clubs the chance to play 40 and 30-over cricket. The latter will see a few innovative rules (eg bowling x number of overs from one end before changing, batter retires at 50, nine-a-side, no tea), all of which are intended to reduce playing time and give more players 'a game'.

The Hunts County Bats league has seen a few additional teams join and it is hoped, despite the challenges traditional cricket faces, Sunday cricket will stabilise and maybe grow over time, with perhaps a little innovation by all concerned.

What will hopefully help the game, whatever formats or days of week cricket is played, will be the new County Partnership Agreement with the ECB (2020-2024), which should see benefits for the recreational game. Participation and growth will be the main driver, with particular focus being given to a few key strategic areas.

One area likely to receive support is the continued development of the women's and girls' game, which for Suffolk has seen an increase in ladies playing cricket,

primarily through the work Chloe Leveridge has carried out and initiatives like the ECB's women's softball festivals.

This has meant that for the 2019 season, we'll have a 35-over, T20 1, 2 and 3 divisions, all hard-ball cricket, as well as organised multi-club softball festivals. This offers ladies the chance to play whatever format of cricket that suits their ability and lifestyle and perhaps something we could look at more for the men's game?

Cricket in schools continues to flourish, primarily thanks to the efforts of Spencer Wuidart-Gray and Ben Wallis in 2018 supported by trained Chance to Shine coaches. We are very grateful for Chance to Shine's continued support, which for 2019 will allow us to go into a minimum of 60 primary schools across Suffolk, delivering what is now a set programme of activity to school children across a number of weeks.

This ensures consistency across the county and hopefully inspires more youngsters to either join their local cricket club or establish cricket in their schools after the programme has finished. Those interested in joining a club may then take part in All Stars Cricket, which is entering its third year. This initiative led by Andrew Blanchard and supported by Scott Burdon, saw Suffolk have 550 children aged U9 sign up through club programmes in 2018 and it is hoped with additional support, more children will join this year.

Another activity that was very successful in 2018 was table cricket for children with physical or learning difficulties. Within Suffolk we had 15 schools take part in local and county competitions, with Thomas Wolsey progressing to the National Finals at Lord's and coming fourth overall, which was a fantastic achievement. My thanks go not only

to Juliet Wiles, Spencer Wuidart-Gray and Scott Burdon for their help on the day, but all the coaches that delivered such a successful Lord's Taverners Table Cricket programme. From the feedback I've received all the players and schools really enjoyed themselves and that's thanks to your efforts.

Of course all of the delivery mentioned needs support 'behind the scenes' and I'm pleased with the manner in which Vic Taylor (Coach Education, Chance to Shine, general enquiries) and Sarah Kent (GDPR, website and affiliations) have settled into their new administrative roles, within the Development team.

The Development Team are ably supported by our Boards and I'd like to thank Nick (Shrubshall), Toby (Pound), Neil (Hammond), Terry (McEntee) and Camilla (Haycock) that make up the Strategic Board, along with the Operations Board, mainly headed up by Association Leads, for their continued support and work across many areas.

Please remember we are here to support and as many of us also volunteer, we appreciate the amount of time and effort all volunteers put in, whatever your role. Knowing how rewarding and also challenging it can be, I'd personally like to thank-you and please ask for help if needed. We don't want to lose you!

SUFFOLK SCHOOLS' CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Three girls' competitions held for first time

By BRIAN HUNT, Secretary of Suffolk Schools' Cricket Association


THE popularity of the competitions offered by the Suffolk Schools' Cricket Association continues to grow, with both the boys' and girls' events seeing an increase in entries for the 2018 season.

A big thank you must go to all the teachers, coaches, groundsmen and parents for making it possible for so many children to have the opportunity to play cricket.

For the first time girls' competitions were held at three age groups; Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15. The standard of play continues to improve as more schools

offer cricket as a games option. Congratulations to last year's winners; Framlingham College Prep School (U11), St. Joseph's College (U13) and Ipswich School (U15).

The boys' events also saw some impressive batting, bowling and fielding. The victors were; Orwell Park School (U11), Royal Hospital School (U13), Framlingham College (U14) and Ipswich School (U15). We wish the Royal Hospital School and Framlingham College good luck when they represent Suffolk in the National stages of their tournaments in 2019.



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UNDER-10s

By Chris Farrant

THE boys' first taste of county cricket was away to Huntingdonshire, who mustered 88 all out. Suffolk chased down their target using up only 24 of their 35 overs to win by two wickets, a great start to the summer.

After a comfortable victory versus Framlingham College Prep U11 team next up was London Schools at Woodbridge School. LSCA batted first and finished on 152-4 off 40 overs. Bobby East was the glue that held the innings together, the skipper batted for over two hours in scorching heat for his 24 to see us home. A fabulous team win.

The return fixture versus Hunts at the immaculate Copdock CC served as a marker of how the squad had developed into an efficient and ruthless unit. Hunts were invited to bat first and none of their batters managed to reach double figures, all of the seven catches offered were taken. Home club lad Freddie Foyster was the destroyer-in-chief with the first three wickets, supported by Archie Miller and Zach Gandy with two wickets apiece. However, the pick of the figures was Toby Toombs with 4-11, as a brilliant team fielding performance saw the visitors all out for 60 inside 18 overs.

In reply, Ishaan Rakesh scored his 32 not out at over a run-

a-ball, with Ollie Knight (10 not out) unbeaten at the other end as the target was reached in only 10 overs.

RHS School was the backdrop for the visit of Cambridge. A total of 45 extras boosted the visitors' score to a formidable 173-9 off their 35 overs. Ben Thomas was the stand-out bowler with four wickets and a run out and Knight chipped in with two.

In reply, we were in trouble at 30-3, before William Menzies joined East in the middle determined to steady the ship, their partnership adding 66 before East fell for 31 and Menzies 36 soon after. The game was firmly back in the balance, but Lilley (17) and Thomas (19) kept up with the run rate during their 40-run stand. In the final over Bettley calmly played out four dots balls before smashing the fifth through point for victory.

Next up the long trip down to London for the return game versus LSCA and the team's first taste of defeat. LSCA batted exceptionally well, their skipper in particular with an elegant 71 not out, and again the opposition total of 188 was boosted by too many extras.

Suffolk's reply was the poorest batting effort of the year and it looked like an embarrassing trip. The gutsy and brave last-wicket partnership between Gandy and Miller highlighted to the rest of the team the sort of fight and



The Suffolk Under-10 team at the Framlingham College T20 Festival. Back row (left to right): Zach Gandy, James Bettley, Monty Morgan, Fred Butcher, Kieran Lilley, Archie Miller, Charlie Laws, Malan DuToit. Middle row: Ollie Knight, Toby Toombs, Bobby East, William Menzies, Ben Thomas. Front row: Ishaan Rakesh, Joe Kearton.

determination lacking during the Suffolk innings. North Essex felt the full force of the retaliation and Suffolk won by ten wickets. Ben Thomas with another four wickets and Malan DuToit with his first victims helped Suffolk to dismiss North Essex for 71. In reply, Knight (24 not out) and Menzies (17 not out) made short work of the chase.

Bedfordshire made the trip to Woodbridge School, where skipper East invited the opposition to bat. Suffolk worked tirelessly in the field on a very hot day and all the bowlers tried hard to contain the batters, but it was not until the reintroduction of Foyster and Thomas did the wickets start to fall, ending up with four each. Bedfordshire were all out in the last over for a decent 162.

Suffolk's openers Menzies and Toombs faced the quickest and most hostile bowling spell of the season; however they both stood firm in an excellent partnership of 90, ended in the 20th over when Toombs fell for 38. Menzies followed him an over later for 22 leaving Suffolk with two new batters at the crease still needing another 70 runs. Monty Morgan helped himself to any wayward bowling on his way to 36 not out and with East (21 not out) his ally the pair saw Suffolk to a clinical victory by eight wickets with seven overs to spare.

The glorious Mellis CC was the venue for two T20 matches versus familiar foes in LSCA and on a scorching day both teams enjoyed the shorter format playing some enterprising and entertaining cricket, the honours ending even with a win each, runs on the day for Bettley, Foyster, Lilley and East.

Norfolk were then the visitors to Woodbridge School, where early wickets saw Suffolk in trouble at 40-4 in the sixth over,

the scoring rate aided by copious extras was never going to be the issue. The only meaningful partnership between Bettley (42) and Miller (19) helped the home team to 143 all out with 11 overs remaining.

The Norfolk top order showed their neighbours the value they put on their wickets by playing with good discipline. Two wickets each for Knight and Gandy was not enough to stop Norfolk batting out the majority of their overs to cruise to victory.

Framlingham College Prep School hosted the Suffolk T20 festival with two Essex teams and again LSCA in attendance. Suffolk embraced the shorter format, winning both their matches to secure victory. James Bettley and Archie Miller scored good runs on the day, but Toby Toombs, with his maiden county half century, was the stand-out batsman.

Back to the longer format to play Cambridgeshire on yet another scorching day. The coach finally persuaded captain East that Suffolk should bat first, he duly obliged by calling correctly and strapped on the pads joined by Monty Morgan. From the outset they punished the Cambs attack, East initially happy to rotate the strike giving Morgan the opportunity to unleash a barrage of boundaries with powerful and sometimes brutal shot-making. They were relentless in their appetite to score runs. With the partnership on 232 runs East was well caught for a magnificent 81, Morgan carried on to bring up his century, a fantastic achievement for such a young cricketer, as Suffolk's innings ended on a formidable 266-4.

All credit to Cambs for their spirited reply, but they never really threatened victory, Knight with three wickets the

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Monty Morgan (left) and Bobby East (right) after their remarkable partnership of 230.

pick, while Charlie Laws enjoyed his spell taking a wicket as did Butcher, Foyster and Gandy.

At the Essex Festival, Suffolk enjoyed a good win in the opening 16-over game versus Essex on the back of the innings' of Rakesh (31 not out) and Toombs (32 not out).

The second game saw Suffolk lose a thriller to Bedfordshire. Batting first, Suffolk amassed 79 win, DuToit (23) top-scoring. Beds scrambled to victory off the last ball despite a double-wicket maiden by Foyster.

The final game of the season saw Suffolk make the long trip to Bedfordshire. The introduction of spin proved pivotal as

both Rakesh and Knight enjoyed the late summer conditions, finding turn and bounce, Knight's three wickets good reward for a long spell. The Beds innings finished on 149 with Gandy polishing off the tail with another two wickets.

The energy and intent of Toombs and Menzies from the outset was outstanding. The collective, intelligent and coherent way they went about building their partnership was a delight and it came as a big surprise when Toombs misread the length of a spinner to be bowled on 36. Menzies' vigil ended after an hour-and-a-half on 40, leaving Rakesh and Knight to knock off the remaining runs with five overs spare to win by eight wickets.

Special mention to leading wicket taker Ben Thomas with 22 victims at an average of nine and to Bobby East, who led the side with skill and intelligence. He was leading run scorer with 266 and was the Suffolk U10 player of the year. Many thanks to Brian, the team's manager, for all his work behind the scenes and for making match days run smoothly. I look forward immensely to working with this talented squad again in 2019.

UNDER-11s

By Andrew Blanchard

A NINE-MONTH journey from the coldest winter in memory to the warmest summer saw a group of boys discover many of the trials and tribulations that life as a cricketer can throw at you. What never waned was the dedication, resilience, enjoyment and commitment to learning and improving themselves.

For the record, we won some games and lost a few more. Whilst it is difficult to detach the raw assessment of whether you win or lose a game, we simply must. So much goes on



Suffolk Under-11s. Back row (left to right): Conor Crowley, Archie Magnus, Frank Rogers, Freddie Paffett, Henry Clark. Front row: Conor Berry, Oliver Grimwood, Dylan Hardy, Nathan Porter, Odin Thomas, Percy Moore. Missing from photograph: Matthew Clark, Archie Jones, Harry Bishopp, Ned Hayward.

between the first ball bowled or struck in a cold hall in December to taking that catch in the final game in August. If we ignore the details in between we are missing out on so much.

A common message in many a team gathering was that we must not forget that these are ten and 11-year-olds. They will do some amazing things and equally some crazy things. There is nothing wrong with that, it is all part of the process of learning and development.

Whilst this is representative cricket we still have a huge role in providing environments that harbour a love for the game for years to come. Yes, it would be wonderful if players progressed through the pathway and achieved great things, but without instilling that connection with the game we never will.

Our squad saw several changes from the previous year with four of the previous in-take remaining in the new Under-10s. We welcomed Harry Bishopp, Matthew Clark, Conor Crowley, Archie Jones, Frank Rogers and Roan Tucker into the remaining group.

The early part of the season produced some promising performances, notably a 50-run opening partnership between Odin Thomas and Archie Jones at Huntingdonshire. There was also Percy Moore (5-33) and Conor Berry (37) and a nerve-jangling last-wicket stand between Frank Rogers and Roan Tucker at Lincolnshire.

North Essex at Woodbridge saw Dylan Hardy (40), Percy (38) and Conor Berry (36) all contribute well with the bat. A fabulous game against Bedfordshire again saw Odin Thomas (64) and Archie Jones (43) again lead the way with the bat in a match that also saw Matthew Clark (25) play with confidence.

Our return fixture versus Huntingdonshire whilst chasing a large total gave Archie Jones (48) and Odin Thomas (44) another opportunity to put together a good partnership, setting a good example to the rest of the squad. Norfolk at home was a similar challenge but Matthew Clark (32 not out) and Freddie Paffett (31) both showed good decision-making whilst keeping their attacking instincts.

Bedfordshire away and it was Odin Thomas (41) and Freddie Paffett (30) again leading the way after an excellent performance with the ball to bowl the home side out. Northamptonshire presented us with a new challenge and again it was Odin Thomas with 54 who led the way.

Next was a step into the unknown, our first tour. Granted a trip to RHS Holbrook for the Minor Counties Festival is hardly three months in Australia in terms of distance, but nevertheless presented a new challenge to boys and coaches alike. Any worries were soon despatched as the boys produced their best cricket of the season, defeating Oxfordshire (Archie Jones 42 & 4-29 and Odin Thomas 40) and Lincolnshire (Archie Magnus 37) and were involved in an epic game against Cumbria (Odin Thomas 55) which went down to the last two balls. Beyond the cricket the boys had a fabulous week with stories and friends made to last a lifetime.

Throughout the season a common challenge for the boys was how we read the situation of games (particularly in the field) and reacted to them. This is highlighted in the scores we were often up against and the lack of bowling highlights in the games above, despite often getting early



Odin Thomas batting during his 55 against Cumbria at Royal Hospital School, Holbrook.

breakthroughs with the ball. But again, these are 10/11 year olds and these experiences will enable the boys to be more tactically aware going forward.

Odin Thomas deservedly won the Player of Year award after a fine season with 419 runs.

A note of thanks to all the support coaches who helped the boys during the winter programme and especially Peter Cloud and Ben Wallis, who joined the squad on match days through the summer. Thanks also to Woodbridge School for their support of the squad, Exning CC for their hospitality, Tiera Thomas for leading the catering team and Mark Berry for his excellent support of the squad in his role as team manager.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the boys for all their efforts; they were an absolute pleasure to coach and I look forward to continuing to play my part in helping them achieve their potential again this year.

UNDER-12s

By Terry Small

THE season started with a bang against Cambridgeshire, where there was some incredible bowling on display.

Shaanjeai Tharaneetharan was simply unplayable, returning figures of 3-3-0-3, whilst Charlie Bennett's season-best figures of four wickets for 14 runs put a freezing cold game completely to bed.

In total, we played 15 games, won six, drew one and lost eight and battled hard in every single one, swapping players into different roles throughout the season in an attempt to develop everyone meant results came second to development.

Despite this, special mentions must go to Lucas Howard for his 15 wickets, Shaanjeai Tharaneetharan for his 239



Suffolk Boys' Under-13s. Back row, left to right: Merlin Stamper, Kajaei Tharaneetharan, Isaac Toombs, Fin Barbrook. Front row: Harry Barbrook, Sam Slatter, Alex Dunning, Callum Woolston (captain), Rory Hollis, Will Bettley, Shaanjeai Tharaneetharan, Max Egan.

runs and 14 wickets, Ben Palmer's 260 runs plus bowling many, many overs keeping an end firmly held up and finally to Charlie Bennett for achieving 309 runs and 13 wickets and rightly winning Player of the Year.

This was mainly due to his performance in the Framingham T20 tournament, where he scored an undefeated 140 plus runs over two the games and played with the kind of defiance equal to the lion on his shirt.

Our tour at the Royal Hospital School had absolutely everything; it was used as an opportunity to have lots of rotation (including giving captain Arthur Summers a rest from the job) right up until the second half of the last game against the Dutch.

Let me explain, our five games had seven challenges within the games, completion of the tasks meant a prize of going paintballing.

In this final match, after the close of our innings the challenge became less and less likely to happen. During the lunch team talk, all hopes were pinned on Fred 'Casanova' Thompson taking a catch. The rest, as they say, is history. What goes on tour....

I must take this opportunity to thank the people we simply cannot do without, firstly the parents for making the best teas, carting the boys all over the county and beyond, all the scorers throughout the year, the coaches (and parent coaches) from our previous winter at Ipswich, to assisting with the extra sessions at Culford School.

Secondly, our manager Den Howard, who was incredible at organising fixtures, umpires, me (not an easy task responding to text at all hours), the teas, the venues, without her many hours of hard work and dedication it wouldn't have been the same, so much goes on in the background for our season to be so successful and run smooth, thank you Den.

Lastly, a huge thanks to our assistant coach Alfie Marston, who was brilliant with these young lads, a good role model, an indispensable coach, confidant and friend.

UNDER-13s

By Elliot Tyler

THE Under-13 team experienced their final year of non-competitive cricket at county level. This is a year of

preparation ahead of the U14 and U15 county cup competitions.

With an original winter squad of 16, all players found themselves representing Suffolk during the summer with plenty of opportunity to learn, develop and progress within match situations.

A number of significant personal performances occurred throughout the season, with various players contributing during each game.

The season started at St Joseph's College, where Suffolk hosted Hertfordshire. A batting collapse saw Suffolk reduced to 137 with the only notable batting performance coming from Merlin Stamper, who scored 48. However, this was a score that eventually was enough to win the game, following a disciplined bowling performance.

The second game saw Isaac Toombs, Kajaei Tharaneetharan and Callum Woolston all contributing with the bat, with Toombs scoring 93 not out in 40 overs, Tharaneetharan 55 and Woolston 53. Suffolk set North Essex 253 to win, a total that they fell a long way short of reaching.

Whilst contributions with the bat were few and far between in the fixtures against Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, there were a couple of positive performances with the ball.

Finlay Barbrook, Max Egan and Casper Hall displayed great execution of their bowling plans and all took wickets in both fixtures. Ben Smart also bowled some tidy spin, which found him with season's best figures of 3-34 against Norfolk.

The return fixture versus Hertfordshire saw Callum Woolston once again digging his side out of a hole. Woolston scored 53 before he was out lbw to the Hertfordshire spinner.

Suffolk fell nine runs short of 200 in their 40 overs, however this, thanks to a phenomenal spell of bowling at the back end of the innings from Alex Dunning (5 overs, 3 maidens, 5 runs), was enough to win the game by 40 runs.

Fin Barbrook and Henry Dinwiddy put in good bowling performances against Lincolnshire in their next fixture, with two wickets apiece and restricted the visitors to 208 in their 40 overs. Suffolk then replied in a mature and organised way, with a first-wicket stand of 125 from Rory Hollis (62) and Kajaei Tharaneetharan (71) which set up a seven-wicket



Suffolk Boys' Under-14s. Back row (left to right): Lindsay Towers (manager), Cameron Towers, Ollie Gallop, Josh Jones, Jacobi Bishopp, Arthur Phoenix, Harry Hitchen, Luke Ellis, Louis Francis-Smith, Henry Nicholls, Chris Gange (coach). Front row: Tom Harper, Connor Cobbold, George Bennett, Sam Burkitt, Varun Sharma. Missing from photograph: Harry Parker and Ben Tweedy.

win in just 35 overs.

The U13s finished their season at the 2018 Taunton Festival. During the three days of cricket the team experienced further opportunities to develop their skills within match situations.

William Bettley stood out with the bat, passing 50 twice in his three innings, along with Rory Hollis and Kajaei Tharaneetharan, who both put in solid performances throughout the festival with the bat.

Hollis also went on to take five stumpings across the three days with the gloves.

Merlin Stamper showed great versatility and all-round cricket ability when faced with the challenge of leading the spin attack at the festival. Stamper took three wickets in the first game and three in the next two games, leaving him with six wickets in the festival.

Despite varying results and opportunities missed throughout the season, the U13 squad can look ahead with excitement and positivity as they go into this year, where they will compete at the next level in the U14 one-day county cup.

UNDER-14s

By Chris Gange

A TOUGH first season for the boys in their first 50-over league cricket campaign which included first-class counties Surrey, Middlesex, Sussex, Kent and Essex. Despite this, the boys enjoyed it and rose to the challenge of improving their cricket skills and awareness which was pleasing.

Four pre-season games saw the team beat Kent and Lincolnshire and narrowly lose to Bedfordshire and Framlingham College. However, milestones were passed including the team posting 200 runs for the first time ever and top scores for Francis-Smith, Phoenix, Harper and Gallop.

The opening league game against Middlesex saw Suffolk asked to field first. Middlesex started well, but Suffolk did well to restrict them to 273 all out. Hitchen, Jones and Parker were the pick of the bowlers. Middlesex bowled well and Suffolk were bowled out well short of the total.

The game against Sussex showed how well the team were starting to develop their 50-over skills, especially in the field. Only the Sussex captain, who scored 149 after his team were five down for not many, took on our bowlers, as Sussex ended on 253 all out. Wickets for Towers and Hitchen, with Suffolk again bowling a first-class county out inside their 50 overs. However, Sussex had a strong seam

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attack and despite some fight by Gallop, Suffolk fell short of the target.

Hertfordshire posted 282 in the third game after being restricted for large parts by tight Suffolk bowling. In response, Suffolk batted well, in particular Francis-Smith (97 not out) and Ellis (44 not out) sharing in an unbeaten 106 partnership which meant Suffolk easily passed 200 for the first time since the pre-season games.

Norfolk was our next game and despite the lovely setting and weather at Framlingham College, Norfolk came out on top with some excellent batting.

Captain Francis-Smith sadly broke his thumb against Essex. Sharma and Harper both bowled well though and picked up three wickets despite it being a flat track. Suffolk batted spiritedly and posted 200 with Harper top-scoring with a fine 65.

At the Framlingham College T20 tournament we lost to Hertfordshire but then beat Bedfordshire in an amazing run chase needing a mammoth 177, an excellent innings from Gallop (69 not out) secured the win. Harper also picked up a fine 3-17.

A week at the Ampleforth Festival was our next opportunity to impress and learn. The team played Bedfordshire, California, Cumbria, Barmy Army and Cleveland. The week was a scorcher, but the boys did well for large parts of it.

The highlight was the middle game versus Cumbria, where Suffolk bowled Cumbria out for 195 after they were racing away with it at 110-2. Wickets from Bishopp and Bennett and an excellent fielding display by the team got them back in it. Suffolk looked in control all the way, but unfortunately lost by one run with one ball remaining, Gallop top-scoring with a fine 47.

In summary, a festival full of injuries which included us losing Towers who broke his thumb on day one – what could have been?

A day later we played Kent in the league (a sixth game in seven days for some) which was severely rain-affected which, given a longer format, could have been a different result.

In the game against Surrey, the boys competed very well, again just missing out. Phoenix top-scored with an excellent half century and Bennett performed strongly.

The last league game against Cambridgeshire could have easily been a non-event, but not with this team! They fought hard and pulled off an amazing victory against one of the strongest sides in the league.

With three balls to spare Suffolk won the game with Ellis scoring a classy 44. Bishopp and Bennett hit the winning runs which topped a rewarding end to a tough season for the boys.

Overall, experiences I hope the boys remember and learn from. So many positives to take away as well as areas for focus in the winter to be better cricketers and people. The boys were a delight to coach and I look forward to working with them this coming year.

Player of the season was Tom Harper with 22 wickets and 300+ runs. A close second were several players – Gallop with the bat scoring 300+ runs and keeping well, Hitchen and Towers for their wickets (20+) and important runs!

A special thank you to all parents who helped whether that

was with transporting, scoring or preparing the teas and to our team manager Lindsay for all his organisation.

UNDER-15s

By Dan Skinner

IN FOOTBALL they call it 'Second Season Syndrome' to describe a downturn in fortunes for a team after its promotion following an excellent finish in year one. Unfortunately, this is what happened in 2018 to the Under-15s.

However, it is important to remember that after a lot of hard work and some brilliant cricket, the squad had earned their right to now play alongside the first-class counties in Group A of the National Cup.

The season started with a 'friendly' against Norfolk. In truth, it was a game that should have been won after bowling them out for 132, but a collapse saw us fall 21 runs short and wondering what had gone wrong. James Whittle was the pick of the bowlers with 3-18, with Will White and Gabe Jones also picking up three wickets apiece. Unfortunately, Suffolk found chasing down this relatively small target very difficult, Will Froggatt's 27 the only real highlight.

Next up were Hunts and a chance to put things right again. Maybe this match was a sign of things to come, with two players going ill an hour before the start, but after a call to arms Kajaie Tharaneetharan from the U13s arrived to help us out and we at least could field 11. Hunts batted first and scored 223, the wickets shared among the seven bowlers used.

In reply, probably the highlight of the season saw openers Will Froggatt and George Tillbrook put on 193 for the first wicket – Will reaching 100 exactly before being caught and George finishing with 83. The remaining runs were knocked off and Suffolk secured a seven-wicket victory with time to spare.

A long trip down to Surrey next and the start of a long, hot, hard summer against some quality first-class county sides. An encouraging bowling performance saw Surrey limited to 250. However, another collapse saw us fall 148 runs short. James Whittle picked up another three-wicket haul and George Tillbrook top-scored with 17.

A few days later and another long drive to play Bedfordshire in the first of two half-term friendlies. Unfortunately, the heavens opened and the match was abandoned at half time with Suffolk in a strong position.

Two days later and a defeat to Berkshire. Callum O'Connell just missed out on his ton, but nevertheless a brilliant knock of 98 off 102 balls wasn't quite enough to see us home as the match ended in strange circumstances with just three runs needed to win.

A heavy nine-wicket defeat followed at the hands of Middlesex, with Dan Norman (50) and Marcus Packer (31) showing some resilience and taking us from 28-5 to over a hundred and a bit of respectability with their 83-run partnership.

Essex inflicted more pain with a crushing ten-wicket victory, Callum O'Connell with 42 the only batter to really get going. Essex opener Khelawon scored 104 not out off just 46 balls to win the game within 14 overs.

A better performance against Kent saw a bit more belief

within the group but still falling short. By now injuries, exam revision and egg chasing were affecting availability and opportunities were being offered to MCC Hub players and U14s to boost the depleted numbers. This, for me, was another positive of the season and it was noticed by many how well players from the year below were performing and tackling the challenge. Lewis Millions with 4-47, Bailey Farrant (48) and Callum O'Connell (44) were the main highlights as we ended up 114 runs adrift of Kent's 322.

Surrey inflicted more pain in the second round of matches with a crushing 200-run victory, with Callum O'Connell (83) unlucky not to register a ton after batting superbly against a quality bowling attack. Charlie Coe's 3-73 was the best of the bowlers as Surrey piled on 389 runs on one of the hottest days of the year.

Victories against Bedfordshire and then Norfolk in the final saw us win the T20 tournament at Framlingham. The tournament offered some relief from the relentless slog of 50-over cricket and also a much-needed chance to rebuild and go again.

Yet another long journey around the M25 to Merchant Taylors and despite Bailey Farrant's 64 and Sam Paisley's 3-26, Suffolk narrowly lost, but had showed some real resilience and could take heart from a much-improved performance. Middlesex passed the Suffolk total with just six overs to spare.

A further defeat at the hands of Essex, this time by eight wickets, followed. However, this time Khelawon was caught for nought but Essex passed the low Suffolk total in 20 overs all the same.

Last up was a trip down to Beckenham to play Kent. A chance to perform at an amazing venue and hopefully enjoy

playing in such incredible surroundings. Bailey Farrant (38) and George Tillbrook (32) showed great skill at the top of the order but it was a ninth-wicket partnership of 69 from Charlie Hollis (27) and Sam Paisley (25) that stood out most. However, another heavy defeat followed with Kent winning by ten wickets.

The season as a whole was incredibly hard for us all, but by no means all doom and gloom, and for most of the boys, but not all, on reflection an experience to look back on and take the positives out of.

I would like to thank all the boys for their hard work and the parents for their help and support.

UNDER-17s

One-day report by Andrew Squire

AFTER completing a number of winter and Easter training sessions, it was decided to prepare for our one-day campaign by organising two friendlies and to build on the team ethos we had been building during these sessions.

Two June friendlies against Lincolnshire and Bedfordshire at Woodbridge School allowed us to see all the players in the squad participate during these games; they produced two good wins and they provided some indications on how we would perform in the 50-overs one-day format.

Another key change in fixtures meant we played the first game in our Royal London Cup one-day campaign in July. Hunts were our visitors to Framlingham College and they won the toss and decided to bat first. Their captain Pat Harrington's innings started at a blistering pace and our opening bowlers, Alex Cruickshank and Stuart Lilley, were put to the sword. The first wicket fell at 83 in the ninth over. Harrington was 60 not out at this stage. Suffolk



Suffolk Boys' Under-17s. Back Row: Andrew Squire (coach), Tom Sidhu, Oliver Melville Ross, Max Dias, Matt Kent, Daniel Leggett, Stuart Lilley, Josh Frame, Doug Frame (coach). Front row: Freddie Heldreich, Billy Amas, Fergus Atkins, Alex Oxley, Keelan Waldock.

captain Alex Oxley decided to alleviate the run rate by bringing on his spinners, Oliver Riddick, Freddie Heldreich and Ferg Atkins. Harrington continued to blaze away and Suffolk were looking at a sizeable total to chase. Fortunately, Harrington's innings was brought to an end with a fine catch from Harvey Skinner off the bowling of Heldreich – his innings comprising of 13 fours and eight sixes. This opened the gates for the Suffolk spinners to take control with Hunts being bowled out in 35.3 overs for 216, Heldreich taking four wickets, Atkins three and Riddick one.

Suffolk openers Alex Oxley and Josh Frame provided a good starting platform for their innings, with a solid 71 partnership for the first wicket. After losing Frame (29) and then captain Oxley (39), Suffolk's innings progressed at the required rate with Oliver Melville-Ross (22), batting with Atkins (43) initially and then Heldreich's 50 not out saw the team home to a fine win by five wickets.

The following week of cricket involved some excellent games versus our arch-rivals Norfolk. After losing to them during the week in both the two-day game (first innings) and then losing in the T20 competition final, it would have been devastating to lose three in a row with our one-day game at Framlingham.

Suffolk won the toss with Ferg Atkins taking on the captaincy and deciding to bat on what looked like an excellent batting wicket. Wicket-keeper Billy Amas opened with Josh Frame and a partnership of 53 followed until Amas fell for 33. This brought Alex Oxley to the crease and a partnership of 238 ensued with Frame playing one of the best one-day innings to be seen with 151 (18x4s, 4x6s) and Oxley holding the innings together with a fine 86 not out. Suffolk ended on 313-3 off their 50 overs.

This looked like an above-par score, but with the previous encounters during the week the team were keen to make amends. Norfolk lost their wicket-keeper Harvey Lake for a first-ball duck to a good catch by Matthew Kent off Stuart Lilley's opening over. Norfolk lost wickets at regular intervals during their innings, with Billy Buckingham (59) and their captain Kieran Peters (49) making the main contributions. The Suffolk seam attack started well and with the quality of our spinners the Norfolk innings closed on 252-9. This was a fine win by 61 runs and avenged the losses during the week.

We then enjoyed the drive to play Herts away at Bishop's Stortford CC. Unfortunately, the heavens opened and it was decided looking at the day's forecast there would not be any opportunity to play a reduced overs game, so we all drove home with no cricket.

Our final league game was against Cambridgeshire at Burwell CC. Doug Frame took the one-day coaching reins for this game. It was the rain which intervened at the start so it was decided to play a 30-overs game. Suffolk won the toss and fielded. Burwell is a small ground and with the weather, chasing a score might be easier or the possibility of Duckworth-Lewis (DL) were considered here. Cambs lost two early wickets before Theodore Aubrey (61) and Felix Serby (59) took the score to 114-3. The Cambs innings progressed with Serby at a steady rate, but wickets fell at regular intervals and with some fine bowling at the end by Max Diaz their innings finished on 208. The Suffolk



Josh Frame (left) celebrates during his innings of 151 not out during his partnership of 238 with Alex Oxley (right) versus Norfolk at Framlingham College.

innings got off to a flyer with Billy Amas playing the leading role, smashing ten fours and seven sixes in his 94. The first wicket fell on 133 and at this point Josh Frame had 35 of these. Once Billy departed Josh decided to up his tempo to take the side home with 86 not out, ably supported by Alex Oxley (19 not out). Winning by nine wickets allowed us to finish top of the Division 3B group and qualify for the semi-final.

It was exciting to hear we would be playing the winners of Division 4B and an exciting trip to play the Isle of Wight (IoW) Cricket Board at the Newport County Ground. After some thorough planning by our team manager Richard Heldreich, it was decided for all of the parents/players to stay in Portsmouth overnight on Saturday and we would all meet at the ferry to travel early on Sunday morning. Everything went to plan with us arriving together at this stunning ground. Unfortunately, there was some rain in the air and we were concerned about getting a whole game in.

The toss was won by the IoW captain and Suffolk were asked to bat on a green, dampish wicket. The drizzle started during the first few overs and when Suffolk were 84-3 the umpires decided to bring the teams off. A lengthy delay caused a number of overs to be lost and the game became 40 overs. Dan Leggett (63 not out) took control of the innings and along with captain Ferg Atkins made sure we had a total to bowl at. Suffolk's 185 looked to be a below-par score, but in the circumstances this was always



Alex Oxley (left) and Billy Amas (right) after their double hundreds against Huntingdonshire Cricket Board at Woolpit CC.

going to be difficult to chase. Alex Cruickshank and Luke Froggatt bowled tidily up front and at 25-2 the game looked well balanced. IoW's Daniel Cox (24) and wicket-keeper Alex Ayres (16) started to build a partnership and then Stuart Lilley produced his best spell of the season, taking two key wickets. Freddie Heldreich was introduced at this point and the opportunities to score became increasingly difficult for the IoW batsmen. He took four quick wickets and at one point was on a hat-trick. Ferg Atkins completed the win, taking the last wicket, and IoW were bowled out for 95 off 29.2 overs. Overall this was a ruthless and well-deserved performance and rounded-off a thoroughly enjoyable trip for all. The reward – Suffolk had reached the Division B Final for the first time.

The Division B Final was played against Leics & Rutland Cricket Board at Attenborough CC, near Nottingham. The team enjoyed a dinner and overnight stay funded by the ECB. Doug Frame took the side to the final game as my family holiday coincided unfortunately. On arrival at the ground a dampish wicket was exposed from underneath the covers and it was a difficult decision to bat first after Suffolk won the toss. Suffolk found conditions tough and

with some good bowling from the Leics seam attack, Suffolk found themselves 30-5. Ollie Stace departed with the score on 52 and it left captain Ferg Atkins (60) to take control. The lower order battled hard to support their captain, but the innings ended with Suffolk being bowled out for 148.

Every chance needed to be taken for Suffolk to win this game from here and taking the wicket of Harry Pounds, the Leics captain, was a great start. The Leics batsmen rebuilt their innings with runs from Dylan Chuch (28), Ajay Khunti (40) and Rehan Ahmed (34 not out) to take the side to an emphatic win by seven wickets. The final was one game too far!

Overall, this U17 season was most enjoyable from a coaches', players' and parents' perspective. Some of the cricket played was outstanding and this was aided by the superb support from parents. We reached the Royal London Division B one-day final for the first time and to add to this, Alex Oxley (Warks) and Freddie Heldreich (Northants) have the opportunity to further their cricket aspirations even more this coming season.

Player of the Year for 2018 was awarded to Alex Oxley.

My biggest thank you must go to my coaching colleague Doug Frame for his continued support and aligned coaching ethos. A massive thank you to the parents for getting the boys to the games on time and making sure they were equipped to play.

I would also like to thank our Team Manager Richard Heldreich for his tireless work in ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

Thanks to our scorer Lee Murrell and our hosts Framlingham College and Woodbridge School.

Finally, thanks to the umpires (you know who you are) for their officiating.

Two-day report by Doug Frame

AT THE start of this campaign we focused on the one-day side and used this as development of the players within the squad. With one game abandoned, to finish third was in all a very successful season as we rotated all the players within the squad including playing a couple of the under-15s. From a coaching point of view, I was very

pleased with the camaraderie within the group and each player supporting his team mates.

Our first game saw us host Norfolk at Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC and after winning the toss and batting, Norfolk soon had us on the ropes with some poor shot selections before a late rally saw us eventually bowled out for 201 in 49 overs. Fergus Atkins (66) and Daniel Leggett (34) were the pick of the batsman. Still we had a total on the board and one with our bowling attack that was defensible. Although the bowlers toiled hard, Norfolk passed our score and were eventually bowled out for 291. Alex Cruickshank 2-28, Josh Frame 2-31 and Freddie Heldreich 2-42 were the pick of the bowlers. Our second innings saw us reach 102-1, with Keelan Waldock 58 not out before the game was called off with half-an-hour to go. A disappointing start to the season and one in which lessons were to be learned.

Our second game was away to Hertfordshire Cricket Board, who have been very strong over the past few seasons. Hertfordshire won the toss and elected to bat on what could only be described as a hot, draining day in the field. The bowlers all toiled hard and a couple of chances which were put down and some poor fielding saw Herts reach 402-7 declared, Oliver Stace 2-29 and Josh Frame 2-48 both bowled well for little reward. Suffolk were left with

seven overs to bat and overnight were 12-1. The following day it was important that we set about the run chase setting small goals along the way. Our reward was a fine win, scoring the winning runs with one wicket remaining. A sheet anchoring role by Alex Oxley with 107, and some big hitting from Fergus Atkins (74) and Oliver Stace (81 not out) showed just how much could be achieved if we back ourselves and play as a team. It was a great knock from Oxley, who batted for much of the day in very hot conditions to set up the win.

Our next game saw us host Huntingdonshire Cricket Board at Woolpit CC. Hunts won the toss and elected to bat and although we picked up wickets at steady intervals, Hunts were eventually bowled out for 383 with Josh Frame 4-104 and Freddie Heldreich 2-65 being the pick of the bowlers. Pat Harrington (207) made a fine double hundred before being last man out.

Suffolk set about their run chase and were always in control of the situation with a fine 375-run third-wicket stand between Alex Oxley (210 not out) and Billy Amas (203 not out) eventually seeing us reach 475-2 when the players shook hands with more than 90 minutes of play remaining. It was a fantastic game to watch. However, the highlight for me was Alex Oxley running 30 yards and diving full length to get his team mate a five-wicket haul. A great team effort.

Our last game saw us travel to Cambridgeshire where, having won the toss, we elected to bat and having reached 359-8 we declared with 20 overs of the day remaining to try and force a win as bad weather was predicted the following day. Alex Oxley scored his third century, making a fine 107, with support from Billy Amas (43), Josh Frame (39) and Will Spicer (31). The goal for the remainder of the day was to attack Cambridgeshire and set attacking fields. However, luck simply did not go our way and at the end of the day Cambridgeshire were 41-1 off 20 overs. The following day saw the clouds roll in and although it could be argued that play was possible, the umpires would not allow play to start and at lunch the skies opened up and play was eventually called off without a ball being bowled on the second day.

Although cricket is a team game, I just cannot overlook Alex Oxley's three centuries, one being a double hundred, performances which earned him a well-deserved Player of the Season award.

It is always difficult coaching lads at this age group as there are different personalities to deal with. However, much credit is to be given to all of the lads for showing just how successful a team you can be if you play as one. Well done to all of the squad for their efforts.

It just leaves me to thank all of the parents for their commitment both in time and financially as without you it would make mine and Andrew Squire's job that much harder.

Thank you to Richard Heldreich for his assistance as manager and to Lee Murrell for scoring throughout the season. Thank you to Martin Taylor, his wife Jackie and Copdock CC for being such wonderful hosts. The same to the Parker family and Woolpit CC for hosting us and how can I forget my colleague 'Squiz' for his efforts throughout the winter and his support throughout.

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Suffolk Girls' Under-11s. Back row, left to right: Cecilly Jewers, Lexi Barrington-Hibbert, Eliza Goodwyn, Lily Tillbrook, Charlotte Gaunt, Emily Pettit. Front row: Zara Uthwatt Bouverie, Beth Gardens, Ishani Moodliar, Evie Booker, Megan Haynes, Laila Hollis.

GIRLS' UNDER-11s

By Chloe Leveridge

THE Suffolk Youth Cricket Girls' Under-11s had an absolutely brilliant season. Their hard work and commitment to winter training paid off with the girls winning 11 games during the season.

These wins were made by team performances with all players stepping up to perform in all games. The girls' season started with a win by 94 runs against Hunts.

This set the tone for the rest of the summer, with wins against Cambs, Oxfordshire, Essex and Kent.

The girls all worked together and there wasn't a game on a hot summer's day when someone didn't give 100 per cent.

Notable performances across the season were as follows:

Win v Hunts by 94 runs (Zara Uthwatt Bouverie taking 3-8)

Win v Hunts (Lexi Barrington-Hibbert scoring 31no off 10 balls)

Win v Oxfordshire by 100 runs (SYC scoring 144 off 15 overs)

Win v Essex by seven wickets (SYC chased 84 in 12 overs; a stunning one-handed catch by Lexi Barrington-Hibbert,

Ishani Moodliar taking 6-3 and Laila Hollis scoring 30no and Evie Booker 31no)

Win v Cambs U13s Development (Evie Booker scoring 51no and Megan Haynes 28, Laila Hollis taking 3-5)

Win v Kent by six wickets (SYC chased 94 in 12 overs; Evie Booker 33no, Amie Hunt 31no)

The player of the 2018 season was Evie Booker, who scored 310 runs, retiring six times, and also took 14 wickets.

Many thanks to the girls' parents for their support and great tea contributions. Another thanks to our assistant coaches Emma Jones and Juliet Wiles, who helped give the girls challenging conversation and encouragement throughout the season.

All of the players would have had a highlight but the best thing was seeing them enjoying cricket and showing a vast amount of development. Bring on this season.

GIRLS' UNDER-13s

By Sam Bennett-King

AFTER another successful programme of winter training the new-look Under-13 Girls' team began their season in earnest with a fixture versus Hertfordshire at The Royal



Suffolk Girls' U13s. Back row, left to right: Olivia Gaskin, Lottie James, Sophie Hughes, Sophie Singer, Petra Tweedy, Jessica Logan, Evelyn Whitmore. Front row: Charlotte Oastler, Lara Hopewell-Plant, Katie Norman (captain), Amelie Clarke, Emma Williamson.

Hospital School.

The game proved to be a nail-biting encounter, with Suffolk achieving victory in the final over. A fixture with Cambridgeshire at St Joseph's College followed, with Suffolk bowling their opponents out for 45 and chasing the target down in ten overs. Special mention to Petra Tweedy and Olivia Gaskin for their outstanding opening spell and achieving combined bowling figures of eight overs, three maidens, six wickets for eight runs.

A trip to Harlow CC was next. Suffolk batted first and scored an impressive 237 in 35 overs. Special mention to captain Katie Norman for her 52 not out. Suffolk shared the bowling around well and bowled hosts Hertfordshire out for 77 in 16 overs.

Two exciting fixtures with Essex followed at Woodbridge and Gosfield respectively. Suffolk achieved victory on both occasions and there were strong individual performances from Amie Hunt (39 not out), Charlotte Oastler (32) and Katie Norman (4-20).

Suffolk then travelled to Burton Latimer to play Northants in what proved to be another memorable match. The hosts posted a competitive 155 from their 35 overs and started brightly with the ball, leaving Suffolk 6-3 after five overs. However, hope was restored through contributions from Lara Hopewell-Plant, Amie Hunt and Charlotte Oastler. Evelyn Whitmore and Petra Tweedy (41 not out) then put on a mighty 64-run partnership for the last wicket and took Suffolk over the line in sublime fashion.

Another excellent team performance and victory followed against a strong Norfolk side at Brandeston. Captain Katie Norman (38) again made a significant contribution with

the bat. However, Norfolk bounced back on home soil in the return fixture at Rocklands CC a few weeks later.

Suffolk then hosted Northants at Burwell in a match that emphasised the team's great resilience and bounce-back-ability. Northants again posted a very competitive total of 191 going into the break.

In reply, Suffolk put in an excellent batting performance, chasing the target down with the loss of only four wickets and seven overs to spare. There were notable individual batting performances from opening pair Charlotte Oastler (62) and Evie Booker (59).

Two T20 games with Buckinghamshire at Chenies & Latimer CC completed the summer match programme for 2018. The fixture proved excellent value and provided both sets of players with opportunities to showcase their skills and abilities in arguably the most challenging and exciting format of cricket.

The mini-series finished 1-1 and there were individual highlights from Emma Williamson (3-9), Evie Booker (38 not out) and Marnie Salter (46).

No season is complete without a visit to Malvern. The squad acquitted themselves well in exciting matches against Northants, Oxfordshire, Durham and northern friends Cheshire.

Tour highlights included the win versus Durham, two blistering innings of 50 from Amelie Clarke and the long, but always entertaining, games of rounders.

My thanks to all players for their efforts and endeavours in training and fixtures, all parents for their support and help on match days, Katie for captaining and Amanda for managing the team so diligently throughout the year.



Suffolk Girls' Under-13 players, left to right, Evie Booker, Charlotte Oastler, Katie Norman and Amelie Clarke, are pictured with England's Alex Hartley after a women's one-day international versus New Zealand at Grace Road, Leicester.

GIRLS' UNDER-15s

By Terry Small

JACK Beaumont and I were asked to coach the Suffolk Under-15s squad after the girls' first match of their 2018 season.

The team finally finished top of Division B Group 3 with 20 points, winning every league game thereafter. However, losing in the T20 Cup to Essex was a harsh lesson in playing the girl in front of you, not the badge!

Sophie Harper and Katelyn Wright shared the captaincy role, both girls led with grit and determination, setting good examples on and off the pitch, and were a real pleasure to work with.

Imogen Sidhu won Player of the Year for her skills with the ball, her ability to score good runs quickly, solid fielding and cannon-like arm.

The very best of luck to all of you moving up into the U17s this season and thank you for all your efforts. This year's U15s is looking very competitive indeed, and Jack and I wish you every success.

I would like to thank all the parents including our team manager, Samantha Harper, for their excellent teas, organising lifts, scoring etc, the list goes on and on.

Without the parents' support the girls' experience isn't the same, and Suffolk Youth Cricket's reputation of good venues and high-quality hospitality is in safe hands.

Thank you to Sam Bennett-King and Spencer Wuidart-Gray for your continued support and all the winter coaches.

Finally, a huge thanks to fellow lead coach Jack Beaumont

for his many, many hours no-one ever sees.

GIRLS' UNDER-17s

By Ben Wallis

THE Under-17 Girls had a difficult season, with two wins and four defeats. Despite bowling and fielding well, the girls' batting performances were inconsistent.

The season began with an away trip to Norfolk who, having won the toss, elected to field. The Suffolk innings started slowly but a partnership between Harriet Pettit (34) and Flora Johnston (48) followed by a late flourish from Holly Mayhew (20) took the Suffolk total to 176.

With both openers batting freely, Norfolk started the chase positively. The damage had already been done by the time Annis Cousins and Esmae MacGregor removed both openers, but a brilliant catch in the outfield by Freya Cannon did help push Norfolk all the way. They reached the target in the 35th over for six wickets, Esmae MacGregor the pick of the bowlers, with 3-34 off 8.1 overs.

The team registered their first win of the season away at Huntington. Suffolk won the toss and elected to field first. Esmae MacGregor got the early breakthrough with two in consecutive balls. Huntington had to rebuild, which they did superbly with a mix of big hitting and brilliant stroke play.

The Suffolk girls dug deep in the field and showcased their ground fielding skills which led to the all-important next wicket, a run out by captain Flora Johnston. The run rate slowed and the introduction of Holly Mayhew, who



secured two quick wickets, changed the course of the game. Huntingdon ended on 187.

Suffolk lost a couple of early wickets but a sublime 63 by Flora Johnston and a quickfire 20 and 27 from Harriet Pettit and Beth Quinton respectively ensured the Suffolk girls secured victory.

A home fixture against Norfolk followed. Suffolk won the toss and put Norfolk into bat, a decision they came to regret. Norfolk made 170 from their 40 overs with Esmae MacGregor again the pick of the bowlers, with 3-15 off eight overs. The chase did not go well and Suffolk lost wickets at regular intervals and were finally dismissed for 98.

The next game was at home against Huntingdon who, on winning the toss, elected to field first. Suffolk got off to a steady start with openers Sophie Utteridge and Ellie Costin dealing with the new ball well.

Ellie was the first to fall and the Huntingdon bowlers took control of the game making run-scoring very difficult. Sophie battled her way through and made a brilliant 34 before being run out via proficient fielding. The Suffolk girls struggled to accelerate and ended on 106-7 from 40 overs.

Lauren Swinburne and Flora Johnston took the new ball and made light work of the two Huntingdon openers. Unfortunately, the girls couldn't maintain the momentum and the Huntingdon middle order made light work of the run chase, passing the total in the 18th over for four wickets. The girls returned to winning ways at home against Cambridgeshire. Suffolk fielded first and restricted Cambs to 178-7 from 40 overs. Suffolk made the run chase look easy,

Suffolk Girls' Under-17s. Back row, left to right: Flora Johnston, Mai Easton, Lauren Swinburne, Spencer Wuidart-Gray (coach), Beth Quinton, Holly Mayhew, Ellie Costin. Front row: Sophie Utteridge, Annis Cousins, Esmae MacGregor, Harriet Pettit, Freya Cannon. Not in Picture: Eloise Long, Emma Howard, Catherine Whittle, Fizz Woor, Sophie Harper, Amelia Mahoney, Ben Wallis (coach).

with a brilliant 61 from Flora Johnston. Ellie Costin also contributed, scoring 25 before an unfortunate run out. This victory was just what the girls needed before their final fixture.

With confidence high, the girls travelled to Cambridgeshire for the last game of the season. Suffolk won the toss and put Cambs into bat. The opening bowlers started positively and Sophie Harper got her reward for bowling fantastic areas with the new ball, taking the first wicket aided by a good catch behind by Sophie Utteridge. The wickets were shared around but the pick of the bowling was Beth Quinton's spell of 2-11 from four overs.

The Suffolk run chase did not go to plan, losing wickets in clusters throughout the innings. A brilliant, quickfire 25 by Beth Quinton ensured that the Suffolk total remained respectable but unfortunately Beth did not receive the support from the other end. Suffolk ended 87 all out.

With a number of girls moving to senior cricket this year I would like to thank them for the commitment they have shown over the years and wish them the best of luck for the future.

Players need to show more respect for officials

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

IT appeared to be a season to which everyone was looking forward. New Laws, albeit probably far too many, were in place and most umpires had grasped the concept of what was required.

Before a ball was bowled, however, the Association lost one umpire who took exception to the fact he was expected to attend Law revision sessions.

Halfway through the season, we had lost another four – one through an unfortunate injury, one on health grounds and two resigned from all league commitments after comments had been made to them at the end of games by players and club officials.

Others were reported not to be enjoying umpiring as much as they had been and it is quite possible that more could be lost from the ranks before the 2019 season gets under way. All that poses a raft of questions, one of which is how they will be replaced and another is what is causing the general malaise?

Training courses over the past few years have not been packed with aspiring umpires and most players who are approaching the end of their playing days have no interest or desire to become involved as an official.

On the field you will never hear umpires berate a player for hitting across the line and losing his middle stump in the process, criticise someone else for failing to take an easy catch or poor fielding, or climb into a bowler who has delivered a couple of half-trackers and been despatched to the boundary.

However, give a batsman out leg before and he will immediately claim 'I smashed that', give him out caught behind or even at first slip and he will be equally adamant he got nowhere near it. Turn down an appeal for lbw and the bowler goes into meltdown.

This is where the disparity lies and only by making players aware of the fine line they are treading, or by issuing Level One or Two sanctions (plus penalty runs where necessary) will the message finally get home.

The plain fact is that everyone, officials and players alike, are only human and make mistakes. That has always been part and parcel of the game, but at our level there is no review system and even those with the 'advantage' of it still get it wrong.

Before the season started we welcomed three new faces to our ranks in Mark Child, Ian Fisher and Richard Turner. Mark had completed the old Level One course a couple of years back and was now in a position to get into umpiring, Richard successfully completed the new Stage One/Two course at Crowfield in the new year, while Ian moved to Colchester having previously umpired in the Thames Valley League.

However, during the season we 'lost' Phil Smith who broke a leg and a hip in an accidental fall while out with his grandson and the legend that is Dave Root, who has been a loyal member of the panel for 30 years, was forced to call it a day for health reasons.

For most of us the winter months were mainly spent

learning the new Laws and credit must be given to Terry Snell and Barrie Phillpotts for running three courses at various venues for umpires and another three for league clubs.

Our own meetings were split between Ipswich & East Suffolk CC before Christmas and at Bury St Edmunds CC and St Margaret's CC after the festivities as refurbishment work was ongoing at the Chantry Park pavilion. Our thanks, as always, go to Dave Little and the IES club for allowing us to use their facilities and also to John and Rosie Nunn for providing a similar welcome at the Victory Ground and Neil Schofield for organising St Margaret's for the April meeting.

It was at Bury St Edmunds where we had a fascinating presentation from Norfolk umpire Martyn Pointer on fieldcraft and several of our members later took up his offer of an e-mailed version of the talk. Martyn had umpired at a high level in Australia for 17 years and was on the East Anglian Premier League, Minor Counties and D-list before the offer of a job back in Australia proved too good to turn down.

We returned to the IESCC pavilion for a mid-season meeting in early July but despite promises of support, it was poorly attended and the feasibility of such another venture must be closely looked at in the future.

Mel Phair and Phil Smith once again worked tremendously hard with the league appointments and call-offs respectively although Phil's unfortunate accident ended his season on the field. Off it, he remained as cheerful as ever and we will all be glad to see him back in action in 2019.

Gordon Rayner did a fantastic job in appointing umpires to all the county Youth fixtures despite problems caused by call-offs or lack of information, while Lindsay Huggins did similarly well with the Under-12 and Under-11 Minor Counties' Festivals at Royal Hospital School, Holbrook.

Andy Broome, our county scorers' officer, helped run a Level Two course at Bury in March and was aiming to organise a scorers' course after the end of the season. Tom Smith again organised a much-enjoyed pre-season dinner at the Wooden Fender, Ardleigh, and our thanks are due to him for his efforts.

We are also tremendously grateful to our president, Dave Little, and his club, Ipswich & East Suffolk, for allowing us to hold our meetings on their premises and for having such a well-stocked bar!

At the annual meeting in September, the following were elected: President, Dave Little; chairman, Bill Chambers; vice-chairman, Shaun Whitfield; secretary, Martin White; treasurer, Barrie Phillpotts; training officer, Terry Snell; appointments officer, Mel Phair; league call-offs, Phil Smith; county performance officer, Peter Lodge; county scorers officer, Andy Broome; social secretary and U19 T20 appointments, Tom Smith; county Youth appointments officer, Gordon Rayner; RHS Festival appointments, Lindsay Huggins.

Youngsters Odin and Evie win annual awards

ODIN Thomas and Evie Booker have become two of the youngest ever winners of the Cliff Piper Memorial Award.

The duo, who were both only eleven-years-old last season, were named as the male and female winners respectively for 2018.

Their prize was to attend a two-day coaching course at the MCC Indoor School at Lord's at Easter.

Odin, who turned 12 in February of this year, is a right-handed batsman and wicket-keeper.

The Horringer Court Middle School student, who lives on the Elveden Estate near Bury St Edmunds, scored his maiden half century for Suffolk Under-11s versus Bedfordshire at Exning CC last season.

He registered two further fifties, one of them coming at the Minor Counties Cricket Festival at RHS Holbrook.

He was afterwards presented with a mini bat by ex-England bowler Dean Headley to mark his achievement.

Odin scored a total of 409 runs for Suffolk across the course of the season, finishing with an average of 27.27.

His father Terry said: "When Odin received his letter informing him that he had been chosen for a cricket coaching scholarship, he was very surprised! He did not expect it at all.

"Odin said he is very excited to be going to Lord's on an MCC coaching course and feels very privileged to have been given a scholarship from the Cliff Piper Memorial Fund. It will be a fantastic experience."

Odin said that his cricketing ambition is to play a high standard of cricket and one day maybe play for England.

Evie Booker, who lives in Beccles and attends St Felix School in Southwold, is also an all-rounder.

The right-arm quick bowler and right-handed bat, whose ambition is to become a professional and represent England, plays for Southwold Boys and Melton Girls.

In the 2018 season Evie, who celebrated her 12th birthday last November, opened the bowling for both Suffolk Girls' Under-11s, who she captained, and also the Under-13s.

Opening the bowling versus Essex Evie's figures read 4-2-2-0, and this performance earned her a trial for the Essex Academy (EPP) where she was successful and has since undergone winter training.

She scored three half-centuries for Suffolk Under-11s and her 310 runs was by far the most runs scored by an U11 girl.

Her combined batting statistics for Suffolk at U11, U13 and U14 levels last season was 433 runs at an average of 49, while she claimed 27 wickets at a cost of just 9.55 each.



Odin Thomas and Evie Booker, winners of the Cliff Piper Memorial Award for 2018

Her father Terry Booker said: "To receive the Cliff Piper Memorial Award is really the icing on the cake for what has been a truly outstanding season for Evie.

"She is so excited at the prospect of playing cricket at Lord's and flying the flag for Suffolk girls' cricket."

Evie, who won the Suffolk U11 Player of the Season award for the second year running, also plays football for Waveney Cougars and was with the Norwich City Academy, but gave it up last season to concentrate on her cricket.

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.

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Sudbury retain EAPL championship by one point

By ANDY ABBOTT, League Secretary

FOLLOWING on from the 'Beast from the East' the weather then turned unseasonably wet and a difficult and unusual decision was taken to put the start of the season back by one week to give pitches a chance to recover.

Once under way the cricket proved to be highly competitive. At the top of the table, champions Sudbury started as though they were going to run away with things in the defence of their title, but then had a little stutter.

Six-times winners Swardeston, who for them had made a slow start, suddenly came up on the rails, stringing together five straight wins and it all came down to the final game, Sudbury getting over the line by a single point.

At the other end of the table the battle for survival was equally exciting. Bury St Edmunds, for the majority of the campaign, had looked doomed to having to take their chance in the play-off match. They then put together a late run and success at Frinton on the final day, coupled with defeat for Norwich, meant that it was the Norfolk side who were consigned to the play-off.

For the first time in a long time it was pleasing that there was a positive response from feeder leagues' clubs, seven wanting to make the step up, if the opportunity presented itself.

In the first semi-final Norwich defeated Fakenham of the Norfolk Cricket Alliance in a tight affair.

In the other semi-final Saffron Walden from the Cambs & Hunts Premier League were victorious over Worlington from the Two Counties Cricket Championship. Saffron Walden will make a welcome return to the league in 2019 after finishing worthy victors over Norwich in the final. It is credit to the players and the umpires that the match was completed in far from ideal conditions, with the rain getting heavier and heavier and no-one wanting to return for the reserve day.

Swardeston won the EAPL T20 going on to make it through to the National Final for the third time, but having won it twice, last year had to be content with the runners-up spot, after being beaten by Yorkshire champions Hanging Heaton.

Swardeston's Lewis Denmark produced a magnificent 122 off only 56 balls in the semi-final against Nantwich.

Congratulations to three players who have come through East Anglian Premier League clubs on being selected for England – Olly Stone of Vauxhall Mallards, Ben Foakes of



Sudbury Cricket Club celebrating retaining their Gibbs Denley EAPL title.

Clacton and Frinton-on-Sea and Max Holden of Cambridge Granta, who made the Lions' squad for the tour to Abu Dhabi to play Pakistan.

It is a pity that one national publication chose to publish an article last summer based on algorithms naming ten players to watch and stated that the EAPL was of a lesser standard. 'Lies, damn lies and statistics'!

Overseas players to some continue to be an issue. It is generally accepted that the Home Office definition of a professional as a result of being on a pathway is unreasonable, but that is the law and we have to get on with it. The ECB rules are quite clear and most of the pyramid operates in accordance with this.

After a meeting the EAPL thought there was agreement in principle for the pyramid to operate as one, only for one league to renege and ban or manipulate certain visas for their own agenda, disadvantaging the clubs at the top of their own pyramid.

Finally, my thanks again to my Management Committee and to Gibbs Denley for their continued sponsorship.

FINAL TABLE 2018

	P	W	L	D	C/A	Pts
Sudbury	22	16	4	1	1	444
Swardeston	22	15	4	2	1	443
Mildenhall	22	13	7	1	1	383
Frinton On Sea	22	8	7	6	1	344
Horsford	22	8	10	2	2	319
Copdock & O.I.	22	9	10	2	1	315
Great Witchingham	22	8	11	1	2	299
Cambridge Granta	22	7	11	3	1	296
Burwell	22	6	12	3	1	293
Vauxhall Mallards	22	9	10	2	1	290
Bury St Edmunds	22	7	12	2	1	270
Norwich	22	5	13	3	1	261

Haverhill Knights return to claim T20 crown



Haverhill Knights celebrate after winning the Suffolk T20 competition.

TWELVE months on from coming so close in the 2017 final against Sudbury, Haverhill Knights were crowned Suffolk T20 Champions with victory against Copdock Crusaders at Bury St Edmunds CC.

The Knights saw off Felixstowe in the last four, while Copdock won through to the showpiece final after beating newcomers Battisford in their semi-final.

Batting first, Copdock set a competitive 150-8 from their 20 overs, with runs from Sam Webb-Snowling.

Haverhill Knights set about their target with no hangover from the previous season's defeat at the same Victory Ground venue.

An unbeaten 50 from Luke Youngs, supported by Anthony Phillips (42 not out) and Adam Dellar (35) saw the Knights home by eight wickets with three overs to spare.

The competition, in its third year in this format, continued to be well supported across the county with over 25 sides taking part last season.

SUFFOLK UNDER-19 NATWEST T20 COMPETITION

Bury Thunder retain their Under-19 T20 title



The Bury Thunder side. Back Row (left to right): Ollie Selfe, Elliot Bonas, Sam Aldous, Finlay Bonas, Ollie Riddick, Max Whittaker, Ellis Edwards. Front row: Billy Riddick, Hugh Stanton, Josh Cantrell, Alfie Marston, Charlie Cook, George Loyd.

BURY Thunder were crowned Under-19 T20 champions for the second year running.

They lifted the title after defeating Melton in their semi-final and Hadleigh Hurricanes in the final held at The Victory Ground in Bury St Edmunds.

Hadleigh, who earlier in the day had defeated Easton, found the Bury bowling attack tough to score against on their way to a total of 94.

Josh Cantrell took (3-12), George Loyd (2-12) and Ollie Riddick (2-29) to do the most damage, with Elliot Bonas and Charlie Cook taking a wicket each.

Captain Alfie Marston opened with Hugh Stanton and put on 50 in Bury's reply, before Marston was out for 31.

Stanton followed for 27 but Max Whittaker (13 not out) and Cantrell (19 not out) batted the game out with five overs to spare.

Worlington win their first Division One title

By ALAN ROGERS, assistant secretary

THE 2018 season did not start too well with so much rain falling in early April that many grounds were rendered unfit for play on the scheduled start date. In tandem with the EAPL, it was decided to transpose the first weekend's fixtures to the middle Saturday in September.

Alas, problems continued to test the committee's resolve as the season progressed; Brightlingsea CC withdrawing from Division Five in May, clubs wishing to change fixtures at the time of the Football World Cup, and clubs strengthening up 2nd or 3rd XIs, to name a few. Of course, there is the continued problem of teams struggling for players which is not helped by the continued lack of international cricket on terrestrial television.

The weather was not overly helpful, even allowing for the late start and come the end of May, most teams had lost two Saturdays to more rain. Given that wet grounds can produce some strange results, all teams in Division One had recorded at least one victory with one notable exception – the previous year's champions Elmstead remained winless with four defeats and two rain-offs.

Fortunately, the weather started to warm up and dry out as the season pushed through June and into July. The West Suffolk duo of Worlington and Woolpit were well placed, with eight and seven wins respectively, at the half-way stage.

Elmstead, meanwhile, although still trailing, had at least managed to collect a couple of win bonuses. Ziaf Kulasi, who finished with 890 runs, and Ashan Athurkoralage, who claimed 35 wickets, were performing well, hence Worlington were able to open up a sizeable gap at the top of the table.

Victory over Coggeshall on September 1st confirmed Worlington as champions with still two matches to play, having won 17 matches. If Witham had performed as well in the first half of the season as they did in the second half, then the league table would have had a different look.

Eleven straight wins had propelled them up from ninth to finish as runners-up, albeit some 47 points adrift of

Worlington. Woolpit and Halstead had identical records of 12 wins and eight defeats, but along the way Halstead had gained four more points to finish in third.

Alas, Elmstead's poor form continued and a further two victories was insufficient for them to retain their place in Division One. Frinton-on-Sea 2nd XI accompanied Elmstead in the relegation zone, leaving Hadleigh and Ipswich breathing a sigh of relief as Bury St Edmunds survived the drop from the EAPL.

The West Suffolk trio of Haverhill, Lakenheath and Mildenhall II dominated the early running in Division Two. Indeed, Haverhill looked particularly strong and received a welcome boost as they managed to defeat East Bergholt on a day when all the other matches were rained off.

Essex's hopes looked to rest on Braintree, who along with Haverhill, had been relegated the previous season. As the season progressed, Mildenhall's challenge seemed to fade, with Braintree joining in the battle for the promotion places.

A total of 1,025 runs from the bat of Dominic Palmer and 46 wickets for Danny Rodic ensured that Lakenheath, with 16 wins and four defeats, held sway over Haverhill, for whom Luke Youngs scored 1,041 runs. These two batsmen were, in fact, the league's top two run-makers in 2018.

Ipswich & East Suffolk and Copdock & OI 2nd XI were the fall guys, both teams only recording five victories. It did not help their causes that points were deducted for administrative errors and in Copdock's case, points were deducted for conceding two matches.

Kesgrave made Two Counties' history in 2018 when, upon winning Division Three, the club secured their third consecutive divisional title. Even more remarkable, considering that they were competing in, and winning, Division Seven in 2012.

They suffered only three defeats all season, the last of which was at the hands of Tuddenham St Mary on September 5th when the title had already been won.

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Final League Tables 2018 Season

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Worlington	22	17	1	2	2	382
Witham	22	15	0	5	2	335
Halstead	22	12	0	8	2	304
Woolpit	22	12	0	8	2	300
Coggeshall	22	11	0	9	2	294
Maldon	22	11	0	9	2	288
Wivenhoe	22	10	0	11	1	268
Mistley	22	7	1	12	2	251
Ipswich	22	7	0	13	2	241
Hadleigh	22	7	0	13	2	240
Frinton II	22	7	0	14	1	230
Elmstead	22	4	0	16	2	171

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Lakenheath	22	16	0	4	2	368
Haverhil	22	15	0	7	0	350
Braintree	22	14	0	7	1	322
Clacton	22	12	0	7	3	292
Mildenhall II	22	10	0	10	2	290
East Bergholt	22	11	0	10	1	287
Little Bardfield Village	22	10	0	10	2	269
Sudbury II	22	9	0	12	1	253
Copford	22	8	0	11	3	240
Kelvedon & Feering	22	7	0	13	2	216
Ipswich & East Suffolk #	22	5	0	16	1	163
Copdock & O.I. II #	22	5	0	15	2	156

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Kesgrave	22	18	0	3	1	365
Dunmow	22	15	0	6	1	330
Abberton	22	13	0	7	2	308
Bury St. Edmunds II	22	10	1	9	2	270
Walsham-le Willows	22	11	1	9	1	263
Mistley II	22	10	0	10	2	256
Brockley	22	9	1	11	1	250
Woolpit II	22	9	1	11	1	246
Haverhill II	22	8	0	13	1	239
Long Melford	22	8	0	11	3	232
Tuddenham	22	5	0	15	2	197
Easton	22	4	0	15	3	189

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Felixstowe & Corinthians	22	16	0	3	3	346
Stowmarket	22	15	0	6	1	334
Eight Ash Green	22	14	0	7	1	320
Mildenhall III	22	12	0	9	1	292
Coggeshall II	22	11	0	9	2	284
Wivenhoe II	22	9	0	11	2	245
Woodbridge	22	9	0	11	2	243
Elmstead II	22	8	0	10	4	241
Halstead II	22	9	0	11	2	240
Nacton	22	8	0	13	1	233
Maldon II	22	8	0	12	2	231
St. Margaret's	22	2	0	18	2	124

DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Witham II	20	16	0	4	0	338
Worlington II	20	14	0	5	1	312
Nowton	20	15	0	4	1	311
Stowupland	20	14	1	4	1	303
Needham Market	20	9	0	10	1	242
Harwich & Dovercourt	20	10	0	9	1	237
Ipswich II	20	8	0	11	1	212
Earl Stonham	20	7	1	12	0	210
St. Osyth	20	6	0	13	1	181
Hadleigh II	20	4	0	16	0	151
Kelvedon & Feering II	20	2	0	17	1	110

DIVISION SIX

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Battisford	18	15	0	3	0	305
Easton II	18	12	0	4	2	269
Worlingworth	18	10	0	7	1	247
Braintree II	18	10	0	6	2	243
Great Bromley	18	9	0	8	1	237
Sudbourne Hall	18	8	0	7	3	223
West Bergholt	18	8	0	9	1	215
Yoxford	18	4	1	12	1	151
Bury St. Edmunds III	18	4	0	13	1	149
Long Melford II	18	2	1	13	2	140

DIVISION SEVEN

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Frinton-on-Sea III	18	16	0	0	2	334
East Bergholt II	18	12	0	5	1	261
Mildenhall IV	18	10	0	8	0	241
Woolpit III	18	9	0	7	2	237
Felixstowe & Corinthians II	18	7	0	10	1	209
Abberton II	18	7	0	9	2	191
West Mersea	18	7	0	11	0	174
Melton St. Audrys	18	4	0	14	0	168
Maldon III	18	5	0	12	1	168
Tendring *	18	8	0	9	1	166

DIVISION EIGHT

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Bardwell	16	14	0	2	0	276
Halstead III	16	11	0	3	2	253
Dunmow II	16	11	0	3	2	247
Sudbury III	16	7	0	6	3	194
Colchester Cavaliers	16	6	0	9	1	163
Copford II	16	4	0	11	1	154
Coggeshall III	16	4	0	11	1	138
Ipswich & East Suffolk II *	16	4	0	9	3	95
Copdock & O.I.'s III #	16	4	0	11	1	73

DIVISION NINE EAST

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Kesgrave II	16	16	0	0	0	306
Saxmundham Sports	16	13	0	3	0	272
Nacton II	16	8	1	7	0	198
Mistley III	16	7	1	8	0	194
Felixstowe & Corinthians III -	16	7	0	8	1	162
Woodbridge II -	16	5	0	9	2	127
St. Margaret's II	16	4	0	10	2	124
Ipswich III *	16	5	0	11	0	98
Yoxford II *	16	3	0	12	1	66

DIVISION NINE SOUTH

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Chappel & Wakes Colne	18	16	0	1	1	314
West Bergholt II -	18	13	0	4	1	262
Boxted	18	12	0	4	2	262
Harwich & Dovercourt II	18	11	0	7	0	244
Eight Ash Green II	18	8	0	8	2	206
Witham III	18	9	0	7	2	206
Earls Colne	18	6	0	10	2	168
Maldon IV	18	5	0	13	0	162
Kelvedon & Feering III *	18	4	0	13	1	84
West Mersea II	18	1	0	16	1	62

DIVISION NINE WEST

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Brockley II	16	13	0	1	2	263
Lakenheath II	16	11	0	4	1	234
Elveden	16	8	0	7	1	196
Woolpit IV	16	8	0	7	1	196
Nowton II	16	8	0	6	2	195
Haverhill III	16	8	0	7	1	187
Stradbroke Vikings	16	6	0	9	1	164
Stowmarket II	16	2	0	14	0	115
Bury St. Edmunds IV *	16	2	0	13	1	43

SUNDAY LEAGUE

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Wivenhoe	14	9	0	3	2	213
Great Bromley	14	7	0	4	3	187
Ardleigh	14	7	0	4	3	186
Frinton-on-Sea	14	7	0	6	1	171
Harwich & Dovercourt	14	7	0	6	1	164
Brightlingsea	14	5	0	9	0	133
Mistley	14	4	0	8	2	130
Abberton	14	4	0	10	0	114

LADIES CHALLENGE

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Woolpit	8	5	0	2	1	116
Mildenhall	8	4	0	3	1	105
Thriplow NCI	8	3	0	5	0	78
Easton	8	3	0	3	2	72
Copdock & O.I.	8	2	0	4	2	66

LADIES T-20 A

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Mistley	12	9	0	2	1	170
Copdock & O.I.	12	7	0	4	0	166
Felixstowe & Corinthians	12	8	0	3	0	161
Saffron Walden	12	4	0	7	1	112
Bury St. Edmunds ~~~~~	12	0	0	12	0	-74

LADIES T-20 B

	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Felixstowe & Corinthians II	10	9	1	0	0	175
Melton St. Audrys	10	9	0	1	0	175
Woolpit II	10	6	1	2	1	140
Hadleigh	10	6	0	3	1	121
Bardwell	10	5	0	5	0	117
Battisford	10	5	0	4	1	107
Shotley Peninsula	10	3	0	7	0	90
Maldon	10	3	0	5	2	83
Ipswich & East Suffolk	10	2	0	7	1	77
Worlingworth	10	1	0	9	0	51
Frinton-on-Sea ~~~	10	2	0	8	0	8

* 30pts deducted
penalised for fielding ineligible players
~~ 25pts deducted
- 10pts deducted
^ 15pts deducted

Predominantly a young team, Kesgrave were ably led by Mike Worne, who top-scored with 684 runs, and was helped by Sanjay Patel claiming 29 wickets.

Dunmow enjoyed a fine scrap with Abberton for the right to join Kesgrave in Division Two in 2019. Unhappy times though for Tuddenham St Mary and Easton as they failed to accumulate enough points to stay in the division. Having lost the services of some key players, this was Easton's second consecutive relegation.

The league table for Division Four at the end of the season looked very similar to the table at mid-point, with Felixstowe & Corinthians and Stowmarket trying to keep Eight Ash Green at arm's length. With just a few points separating these two, the title appeared to be heading towards Stowmarket, but defeats at home to and away at Wivenhoe handed the initiative back to Felixstowe.

Splendid performances with the bat from Ben Hopkins, with 823 runs, and Matt Lawrenson's 690 runs plus Kyle Jay's 43 wickets saw Felixstowe confirmed as title winners, with Stowmarket a mere 13 points adrift.

At the foot of the table, St Margaret's poor record of just two wins can only be reflective of the many players that had left the club over the close season. Dropping a division with St Margarets were Maldon 2nd XI. Nacton narrowly survived relegation by two points, having also been thankful that Bury St Edmunds survived in the EAPL.

Division Five was somewhat disrupted after just two weekends when Brightlingsea announced that they would be unable to complete their scheduled fixtures due to a lack of players. Nowton's and Stowupland's quest for promotion looked reasonable at the beginning of July. However, with only six wins each in the latter weeks, it left Worlington 2nd XI and Witham 2nd XI chasing the silver cup.

This pair recorded one extra victory to maintain a marginal advantage. Worlington 2nd XI were chasing consecutive promotions, but telling contributions from Witham bowlers Paul Bellehewe, with 30 wickets, and Ben Mckendry, with 26 wickets, held sway. The withdrawal of Brightlingsea saved Hadleigh II from relegation, but no such luck for Kelvedon & Feering 2nd XI whose record of two wins and seven defeats left them well adrift.

Battisford were the second club to win back-to-back titles and also put in a

dominant performance, winning five out of eight matches in Division Six. All-round performances from Jonathan Doughty, 617 runs and 23 wickets, and Harvey Skinner, 599 runs and 19 wickets, were key to their success. To offset the poor outcome of their 1st XI, Easton 2nd XI comfortably held off Worlingworth to finish as runners-up.

An eight-match unbeaten run started with them beating eventual champions Battisford in early June. Any disappointment for Worlingworth was alleviated by their elevation to Division Five to replace Brightlingsea. Not much joy for Bury St Edmunds III and Long Melford II as they will be playing in Division Seven in 2019. Yoxford had a narrow escape by virtue of two points.

With an untarnished record of 16 wins and two rain-offs, Frinton-on-Sea 3rd XI won Division Seven by a convincing margin from East Bergholt 2nd XI. Suman Polepaka's 33 wickets and captain Dan Pritchard's 27 wickets plus 513 runs for Ian Vine were the backbone of Frinton's success.

This was a notable achievement for East Bergholt 2nd XI in that this was their first trophy since entering the Two Counties in 1991. A third-place finish for Mildenhall 4th XI gained them promotion. Tendring's eight wins should have been enough for them to remain in Division Seven, but alas points deducted for conceded matches proved costly.

Still, it was extremely close and even closer for Melton St Audry's, who stayed put after sending Maldon 3rd XI down by virtue of net run-rate.

Division Eight saw another back-to-back champion in the form of Bardwell. Newcomers to the competition in 2016, the club put another trophy in the cabinet, after winning Division Nine West the following season. Rick Wakeman topped the divisional batting averages with 607 runs at an average of 86.7 plus taking 22 wickets, thus contributing massively to Bardwell's 16 victories.

There was more heartache for Ipswich & East Suffolk as their 2nd XI and Copdock & OIs as their 3rd XI crashed out of the division in similar situations to their Division Two teams.

There were convincing winners in all three sections of Division Nine. In the East, a second trophy for Kesgrave as their 2nd XI completed the season with a 100 per cent record of played 16 and won 16. Top performers for Kesgrave were Akhilendra Gogna with 598 runs, including a double century, and 29 wickets for Sam Godward.

Chappel & Wakes Colne's debut season in the South saw the club win their first trophy. Captain Aaron Keeble claimed 24 wickets whilst Chris Carter amassed an impressive 793 runs.

It was pleasing to see the addition of Copdock & OI Ladies to the 35-Over Challenge for 2018, although it did mean that with just home and away fixtures, there were only eight fixtures per team as opposed to nine the previous season. Whilst not being successful in terms of league position, there is no doubt that they will be stronger in seasons to come.

As in 2018, Woolpit and Mildenhall competed for the honours and similarly it was Woolpit who prevailed by winning five matches against Mildenhall's four. The batting honours went to Isabella Routledge of Thriplow with 420 runs and to Imogen Sidhu of Woolpit with 322

runs, both of whom scored unbeaten centuries.

Mildenhall's Helen Atkinson was the top bowler with 23 wickets which included the impressive figures 6-6 in the first match of the season.

As well as being part of the victorious Woolpit team, Candy Cornelius skippered Mistley Ladies to the T20 Section A title for the second year running. Her contribution of 175 runs and seven wickets saw Mistley achieve nine wins from their allotted 12 matches.

It was a close call though as they might well have been overtaken at the death had Copdock & OI's beaten them and collected maximum points. Copdock's Rachel Woodward topped the bowling averages with 15 wickets.

The big disappointment of the season was the demise of Bury St Edmunds as they were forced to concede most of their fixtures due to a severely depleted squad. With Saffron Walden moving up to Section A, their place in Section B was taken by Woolpit 2nd XI, who finished the season in a very creditable third place. Ahead of them were Felixstowe & Corinthian II and Melton St Audry's, who fought out the closest finish in the whole of the Two Counties Championship.

With Felixstowe having completed their matches, with nine wins and one tie and sitting on 175 points, Melton needed a 19-point win from their last match against Ipswich & East Suffolk to collect the silverware. Alas, Melton won the match, but with 18 points and a total of 175 points, leaving net run-rate to decide the title in Felixstowe's favour. Top performers were Millie Gale (Woolpit) with 248 runs and Gabriella Spalding (Felixstowe & Corinthians) with 15 wickets.

It was back to home and away fixtures in the Sunday League as the Two Counties welcomed Ardleigh CC to the competition, making eight teams and 14 fixtures per team. Winning nine out of their 14 matches was sufficient for Wivenhoe to reclaim the trophy, having lost out to Great Bromley in 2017. This was their third title win in four seasons. Much credit goes to Joseph Nicholls, who scored 521 runs, and Henry Sawyer, who took 19 wickets, as Great Bromley were kept at bay in the runners-up berth.

With many similarities between 2017 and 2018, the one that was not wanted was to lose another club following the completion of the season. This time, it was Eye & District that announced that they will not be competing in 2019.

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Two Counties stranglehold comes to an end



Stuart Carpenter, who was the most successful bowler for the Two Counties team.

THE stranglehold exerted by the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties on the John Hutton Over-60s Tournament came to an abrupt halt last season.

In fact, the Two Counties, who had won the four-team event eight times in nine years, not only failed to make the final but also lost the third and fourth place play-off.

Good weather greeted the teams at Ipswich CC in late September – a stark contrast to the previous weekend when the annual Suffolk Over-50s T20 Invitation Tournament at the same venue was cancelled due to the wet weather.

The Two Counties were no match for Hertfordshire in their semi-final, former Suffolk skipper Simon Clements and Duncan Elder plundering 53 runs in the opening five overs.

Clements top-scored as he reached the retirement total of 35 and Elder subsequently followed suit with the only six of the match.

The bowlers were more successful in reducing the run-rate, with Stuart Carpenter taking three wickets in the second pair of his four overs, and Bruce Tompkins adding another from a John Stuck stumping. The Herts innings finished on 145-7.

The Two Counties also started at a good rate, and had 36 on the board in six overs. However, they were unable to keep up the rate, only bringing three figures up with an Andy Fowles two from the final ball of the twentieth over as they lost by 45 runs.

The opponents in the third and fourth play-off match were hosts Ipswich. On this occasion, in what was the only close match of the four, the Two Counties batted first, and lost their first three batsmen for ducks for just eight runs. Simon Rippingale and Jerry Wedge restored some sanity to proceedings, adding 68 before the former reached 35. Wedge made 27, and David Hinchcliffe 22 before the innings closed on 117.

The bowling in this session was less expensive than earlier, but wickets proved elusive, as Neil Calvert (36 retired) Kevin Dobson (28 not out) and Ken Jones (26 not out) steered Ipswich to victory from the third ball of the last over.

Again, Carpenter was the most successful bowler with two of the three wickets to fall, at a personal cost of just 13 runs.

Essex, who had earlier defeated Ipswich by 83 runs, comfortably saw off Hertfordshire in the final, chasing down 120-7 to win by seven wickets.

England legend is guest at Copdock & OIs presentation evening



ESSEX and England legend Graham Gooch regaled guests with stories from his career at Copdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club's Annual Presentation Evening.

He played for 15 years at Essex alongside Ray East, who is now President of Copdock & OIs, and said they had fun every day as

well as being successful.

Gooch (centre) is pictured alongside Ray East (left) and club chairman at the time Keith Cracknell (right) at the event which was held at Ipswich School and attended by around 170 guests last October.

Legend John finally hangs up his cricket bat

Marshall Hatchick Two Counties veterans' review by match manager GEOFF NEWMAN

THE 2018 season was another very successful one for The Two Counties Seniors. There were over 50 games arranged with a few lost to the weather, even though it was a hot summer.

In the last two seasons we have gained a number of new players which is a very important part of the continuing success of the Representative teams.

We played at Chadacre Hall for the first time and returned to Worlingworth. We are grateful, as always, to all the clubs who hosted the games: Abberton, Billericay, Chadacre, Copford, Eight Ash Green, Elmstead, Halstead, Ipswich, Ipswich & East Suffolk, Kelvedon, Long Melford, Mistley, Witham and Worlingworth. We also appreciate all the efforts of the umpires and scorers who are an essential part of the games. 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 and Bruce Tompkins, were all a great source of help with arrangements for the games and selection of teams.

For the record the results were as follows:

Team	P	W	D	L	C/A
Over-50s	27	8	4	9	6
Over-60s	18	12	0	5	1
Over-70s	6	1	0	4	1

The 2018 tour to Yorkshire was another great success, played in the hottest week of the year. We are grateful to the Yorkshire clubs for hosting us; their hospitality was outstanding. Plans for the 2019 tour are already in place; this will be from Sunday, June 30th to Friday, July 5th. One of the clubs we play, Steeton, are coming to visit us in May, playing at Frinton, Halstead and Copdock.

Our annual Winter Dinner held in April 2018 at Greshams was a very popular evening.

The annual Golf Day was organised by John Stuck as usual at Clacton



Pat Patel, one of the Two Counties captains

Golf Course in his very efficient manner.

It was a chilly day, but the rain stayed away as 15 players took to the first tee. John Warner from Frinton Golf Club, guest of Ian Robinson, was the sole debutant. The prizes were won by Martin Southwell, Ian Robinson, Dan Hooper, Vicki Khan, Stuart Carpenter, Steve Dack and Stuart Berger.

I am pleased to note that we had good press coverage last year; many thanks to the local press for this. I would also like to express my appreciation to John Gallant, who organised and managed the tour and owing to my poor health was involved in



Two Counties legend John Stuck, who has finally hung up his bat.

many other aspects.

I would like to thank Charles Revell, Pat Patel, Bruce Tompkins, Mark Paget, Steve Isaac (prior to his illness) and Tex Rogers for all their assistance during the season, which was not without its difficulties. Mike Thew, the league sponsor, was also involved in many aspects of the Seniors' games; this was always very welcome.

Sadly, our legend, John Stuck, has been advised not to play cricket again due to health reasons. He played his last game at Ipswich on September 30th when he had a guard of honour. My thanks to John, who has been a great asset over the years and has always supported the Two Counties to the fullest extent. I am sure that we will be able to find a role for him going forward.

Well, another successful season for the Representative Teams. Let's hope 2019 will bring us more enjoyment in the spirit of cricket for this expanding group. All those who have been involved last year have indicated that they are willing to continue in the coming season.

OVR-50s RESULTS

Two Counties 140 (E Davy 29, G Artindale 27, K Crossley 3-22, A Simmons 2-23, J Nicholl 2-27) **v Suffolk Over-50s**. Match abandoned due to rain.

Two Counties v Norfolk Over-50s. Match cancelled due to rain.

Two Counties 140 (P Tompkins 55, E Davy 22, Joshi 3-32). **Middlesex Over-50s 141-4** (Mangat 49, Alexander 39). Middlesex Over-50s won by 6 wkts.

Essex Police Veterans 173 (K Cooper 73, T Money 3-33). **Two Counties 174-6** (N Meakin 71, K Ross 31). Two Counties won by 4 wkts.

Essex Over-60s 147-8 (P Wakefield 48, M Bawa 35, T Money 2-22). **Two Counties 148-1** (S Trevedi 66, P Tompkins 63no). Two Counties won by 9 wkts.

Two Counties 199-5 (T Charrington, 58no, T Money 26no). **Kelvedon & Feering Seniors 200-6** (S Stobbs 66no, P Tompkins 42, M Warner 34). Kelvedon & Feering Seniors won by 4 wkts.

Two Counties 249-3 (P Tomkins 119no, E Davy 58). **Halstead Seniors 250-6** (R Holman 53, M Johnson 48, J Clinch 44no, D Hinchcliffe 2-37, K Trevedi 2-38). Halstead Seniors won by 4 wkts.

Nomads 258-9 (Arora 116, Thornton 59, Taylor 6-64). **Two Counties 186-7** (P Patel 39, P Tompkins 32, Arora 5-36). Match drawn.

Gents of Essex/CID 240-7 (J Couchman 106no, D Griffiths 52no, C Hills 2-29, T Charrington 2-24, T Money 2-60). **Two Counties 243-4** (B Guthrie 77, T Money 72no, S Trevedi 35, N Meakin 29). Two Counties won by 6 wkts.

Two Counties 245-5 (A Gallant 108, S Henderson 64, W Mugleston 34, G Webster 2-72). **President's XI 203-7** (J Stuck 46, D Curtis 37, G Artindale 35, B Wilderspin-Webb 2-30). Match drawn.

Two Counties 213-6 (S Polepaka 60, P Tomkins 47, S Sargeant 42, J Young 2-38). **Eight Ash Green 211-7** (B Guthrie 51no, R Polley 49, A Sampson 32, S Polepaka 3-15, K Greenaway 2-26). Match drawn.

Two Counties v Norfolk Over-50s. Match cancelled due to rain.

Two Counties 263-5 (A Gallant 120, P Patel 54, K Ross 50). **Mistley Seniors 196-3** (C O'Connell 105no, T Mills 60). Match drawn.

Two Counties 216 (A Gallant 64, N Cooper 32, K Ross 25, J Beaumont 3-18). **Ipswich & East Suffolk Past & Present 139** (M Griffin 36, D Bloomfield 21, B Wilderspin-Webb 4-8, T Oram 3-53). Two Counties won by 77 runs.

Two Counties 236-8 (S Stobbs 76no, P Patel 43). **Witham XI 237-7** (M Glynn 77no, B Tingham 56). Witham XI won by 3 wkts.

Two Counties 157 (E Davy 31, P Dewing 4-28). **Norfolk Over-50s 158-3** (R Yates 44, N Irons 43no). Norfolk Over-50s won by 7 wkts.

Two Counties 251-5 (S Henderson 103no, E Davy 86, N Meakin 35).

Middlesex Over-50s 182-6 (A Dar 76no, D Wilson 33, K Trevedi 2-22). Two Counties won by 69 runs.

Halstead Seniors 227 (M Johnson 64, J Clinch 37, N Dakin 25, G Dicker 24). **Two Counties 160** (K Ross 48no, I Vine 36, S Henderson 22, J Rose 3-27, C Roper 3-60). Halstead Seniors won by 67 runs.

Two Counties 201-9 (S Henderson 44, P Patel 38 A Short 3-25)

Forty Club XI 181 (C Hunt 32no, R Smith 30, K Greenaway 3-19, K Trevedi 3-20). Two Counties won by 20 runs.

Two Counties 218-4 (A Gallant 103no, S Henderson 65, E Davy 25).

Ipswich Seniors 219-5 (D Bloomfield 75, N Parmenter 50no, S Smith 22, S Sargeant 22no). Ipswich Seniors won by 5 wkts.

TOUR TO YORKSHIRE

Two Counties Seniors 254-5 (N Meakin 93, J Gallant 45, J Stuck 25, M Thew 21). **Embsay Seniors 245** (D Buller 91, N Allen 43, S Robinson 45, M Ellison 35, B Tompkins 4-38). Two Counties won by 9 runs.

Two Counties Seniors 200-5 (N Meakin 60, J Stuck 50no, A Cooke 24no, M Thew 20). **Steeton Seniors 203-7** (P Barrett 53no, I Price 31, A Howarth 27, A Burt 3-40, B Guthrie 3-44). Steeton Seniors won by 3 wkts.

Two Counties Seniors 203-5 (N Meakin 85no, J Gallant 38no, B Hollis 3-21). **Sutton-in-Craven Seniors 174** (M Dudley 51, S Tillotson 29, B Guthrie 6-26). Two Counties won by 29 runs.

Two Counties Seniors 173-7 (S Bulger 41, N Allen 30, R Wynn 28, S Isaac 26). **Yorkshire Over-60s Select XI 174-4** (J Sharpe 51, M Rawlings 47, M Richards 47). Yorkshire Over-60s Select XI won by 6 wkts.

SUFFOLK OVER-50s T20 INVITATION T20 Tournament

Tournament cancelled due to waterlogged pitch.

OVR-60s RESULTS

Two Counties 192-7 (S Stobbs 61, J Gallant 37, S Rippingale 26). **Billericay Veterans 61** (B Tompkins 3-9, S Stobbs 2-7, D Hinchcliffe 2-22, M Southwell 1-3). Two Counties won by 131 runs.

Surrey Over-60s 144-8 (G Ross 41no, A Beaumont 26, G Webster 3-34, D Hinchcliffe 2-20, M Southwell 2-13). **Two Counties 148-3** (J Wiseman 88no, S Stobbs 30). Two Counties won by 7 wkts.

Two Counties 240-6 (I Robinson 114, S Stobbs 48, D Curtis 47, P Wakefield 2-51). **Richard Kemp's XI 176-9** (A Gallant 64, B Byford 36, C Hills 4-47, B Tompkins 2-41). Two Counties won by 64 runs.

Hockerill Veterans 146-3 (P Smith 81no, A Jadego 31no, A Mills 2-24).

Two Counties 147 for 2 (J Gallant 64no, E Dunkley 60). Two Counties won by 8 wkts.

Two Counties 266-6 (S Rippingale 67, J Wiseman 57, S Stobbs 48no, A Cassie 3 for 41). **Surrey Over-60s 215-8** (D Ross 60, G Howgate 42, I Robinson 2-37). Two Counties won by 51 runs.

Hockerill Veterans 166-6 (P Smith 75, G Irving 26, A Wahid 26, M Southwell 2-14, J Gallant 2-11). **Two Counties 167-3** (M Southwell 76no, S Stobbs 35no, S Isaac 27, Wahid 2-29). Two Counties won by 7 wkts.

Chelmer Vets 223-3 (S Cooper 120no, M Rynn 50no). **Two Counties 224-4** (J Stuck 108, M Southwell 65no). Two Counties won by 6 wkts.

Two Counties 259-6 (J Stuck 129no, M Thew 38). **Suffolk Over-60s 226-6** (M Pope 70, D Adams 33, G Artindale 31no, S Cooper 28). Two Counties won by 33 runs.

Chelmer Veterans 195 (S Cooper 81, C Abrehart 40, A Burt 5-53). **Two Counties 181-5** (E Dunkley 50no, I Robinson 30). Chelmer Veterans won by 14 runs.

Surrey Touring XI 210-5 (J Parkin 96no, C Ives 38no, B Tompkins 2-52). **Two Counties 211-0** (E Dunkley 104no, J Stuck 92no). Two Counties won by 10 wkts.

Two Counties 214-7 (J Stuck 48, D Adams 38no, Yuvraj 4-45). **Mistley XI 146** (H Fifield 41, G Hutton 28, B Tompkins 5-46). Two Counties won by 68 runs.

Norfolk Over-60s 221-1 (G Roper 147no, M Willgress 41, A Mills 1-41).

Two Counties 120-6 (I Robinson 24, Le Moir 2-7). Norfolk won by 101 runs.

Two Counties v Billericay Veterans. Match cancelled due to rain.

Hertfordshire Over-60s 296-6 (M Christelow 53, B Murphy 51, D Baker 50, D Hinchcliffe 2-27). **Two Counties 163-5** (S Rippingale 48, G Artindale 32, B Murphy 3-35). Hertfordshire Over-60s won by 133 runs.

Ipswich Seniors 207-6 (R Ratford 45, D Adams 44, R Black 38). **Two Counties 208-7** (S McKnight 66no, J Stuck 64, E Dunkley 60). Two Counties won by 3 wkts.

JOHN HUTTON OVER-60s INVITATION T20 TOURNAMENT

Semi-Finals: **Hertfordshire Over-60s 145-7** (S Clements 36, D Elder 35, J Dovey 25, S Carpenter 3-31, B Tompkins 2-23). **Two Counties 100-4** (J Stuck 35, J Smith 2-20). Hertfordshire Over-60s won by 45 runs.

3rd/4th Place: **Two Counties 125-7** (S Rippingale 35, J Wedge 27, D Hinchcliffe 22). **Ipswich Seniors 126-4** (N Calvert 38, K Dobson 28, K Jones 26, S Carpenter 2-13). Ipswich Seniors won by 6 wkts.

OVER-70s RESULTS

East Anglian Ladies 220-6 (S Miller 77, C Cornelius 29, A Scammell 28, C Withams 2-37). **Two Counties 205-8** (J Hadcock 37, G Howell 29, C Cornelius 4 for 25). East Anglian Ladies won by 15 runs.

Two Counties 174-7 (B Ball 44, R Ratford 41, S Isaac 27no, J Permutt 3-36). **Hertfordshire Over-70s 175-3** (M Lurie 78no, T Lousaoa 50no, B Ball 2-35). Hertfordshire Over-70s won by 7 wkts.

Two Counties v Billericay Over-70s. Match cancelled due to rain.

Ipswich Seniors 130-9 (R Ratford 29, D Adams 20, J Stonehouse 5-44).

Two Counties 131-4 (J Hadcock 46, J Stuck 23no). Two Counties won by 6 wkts.

Two Counties 228-6 (J Stuck 76, B Guthrie 47no, M Thew 30, A Cooke 27, P Francis 3-54). **Hockerill Veterans 230-1** (A Jadego 155no, G McKay 44, A Waheed 20no). Hockerill Veterans won by 9 wkts.

Two Counties 203-7 (C Leftwich 56no, D Hinchcliffe 34no, A Sims 27, J Hadcock 26, W Morgan 3-26). **Billericay Veterans 151-5** (D Povey 70, B Tompkins 3-30). Two Counties won by 52 runs.

Hertfordshire Over-70s 213-6 (C Wilson 57, S Bulger 50, C Garside 40, M Lurie 36). **Two Counties 200-5** (J Stuck 111, A Cooke 34). Hertfordshire Over-70s won by 13 runs.

Acton are first-time winners of the league

By Gerard Artindale, league secretary



ACTON CC, who won Division One of the league for the first time in 2018.

Back row (left to right): Chris Miller (club chairman), Chris Sturgeon, Dale Brett, Dan Poole, Ashley Game, Grant Hancock (wkt), Graham Hancock (coach).

Front row: Cameron Stace, Steve Martin, James French (capt), Chris Wenborn, Stephen Fisher, Jason Harvey.

THE year 2018 produced a new name on the honours board as Acton, runners-up back in 2004 and 2005, won the league. They did this in some style, losing only one game all season. The hot weather and lack of rain parched the outfielders and produced some very high-scoring games, with several aggregate scores in excess of 500 runs.

Acton were by far the strongest all-round side in the league, with the other teams often reliant on two or three players to compete and make up for lack of availability.

In fact, six teams conceded a game in a division where concessions have historically been a rarity, more than in any other division. Mildenhall finished second, some way adrift of Acton. At the bottom Long Melford were relegated, having finished with a points average just 0.005 worse than Edwardstone.

S Chapman's 169 for Edwardstone against Long Melford proved decisive in the final positions, in addition to being the top score in the division.

M Alderton of Battsford and C Sturgeon of Acton shared the best bowling figures of 6-19. Alderton's performance helped bowl out Mildenhall for 37, the lowest score in the league this season.

Brockley won Division Two with a little bit to spare from runners-up Bardwell, with newly-promoted Tuddenham finishing third. On the other hand Risby and Bury St Edmunds II found the step up from Division Three a bit too much and finished bottom and next to bottom respectively. Although there were only two concessions in the final table Stowmarket were forced to withdraw half-way through the season after a series of concessions.

Despite Risby's woes A Lack's 169 for them was the highest score in the division. G Brinkley of Brettenham returned the best bowling figures of 5-17.

The clubs in Division Three suffered a reduced playing season as Rougham withdrew before the start of the season and Hartest midway through it.

Lakenheath and Earl Stonham achieved their second

League tables 2018

DIVISION ONE	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	Pts	Avg
Acton	16	10	1	3	0	2	245	18.85
Mildenhall	15	9	3	0	1	2	217	14.47
Stowupland	16	6	7	3	0	0	168	12.92
Bury St Edmunds	16	7	4	4	1	0	146	12.17
Walsham le Willows	15	8	4	2	1	0	156	12.00
Battsford & District	16	3	6	4	1	0	113	9.42
Woolpit	16	4	8	3	1	0	118	9.08
Edwardstone	16	4	8	3	1	0	105	8.08
Long Melford	16	2	12	2	0	0	113	8.07
DIVISION TWO	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	Pts	Avg
Brockley	14	10	2	2	0	0	207	17.25
Bardwell	14	8	4	2	0	0	185	15.42
Tuddenham	14	6	6	1	0	1	175	13.46
Brettenham Park	14	6	6	2	0	0	159	13.25
Nowton	14	8	3	2	1	0	154	12.83
Cavendish Wanderers	14	3	8	2	0	1	128	10.67
Bury St Edmunds	14	3	8	3	0	0	110	10.00
Risby	14	2	9	2	1	0	77	6.42
DIVISION THREE	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	Pts	Avg
Lakenheath	12	9	0	3	0	0	180	20.00
Earl Stonham	12	6	3	3	0	0	135	15.00
Thurston	12	6	5	1	0	0	142	12.91
Milden	12	6	6	0	0	0	145	12.08
Vitec Vidcom	12	5	6	1	0	0	129	11.73
Hadleigh	12	3	7	2	0	0	105	10.5
Wotlington	12	2	10	0	0	0	96	8.00
DIVISION FOUR	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	Pts	Avg
Twinstead	14	8	3	2	0	1	199	15.58
Horston	14	8	4	2	0	0	179	14.92
Fressing	14	8	5	1	0	0	178	13.69
Long Melford	14	6	7	1	0	0	169	13.00
Battsford & District	14	5	5	3	1	0	107	9.73
Stowupland	14	4	7	1	1	1	113	8.69
Bardwell	14	2	8	3	0	1	93	8.45
Elveden	14	4	6	3	1	0	88	8.00
DIVISION FIVE	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	Pts	Avg
Easton	18	13	2	1	0	2	312	18.35
Castle	18	13	3	2	0	0	278	17.38
Castle Hedingham	18	10	4	2	0	2	263	16.44
Old Newton	18	6	8	3	0	1	187	12.47
Nacton	18	5	10	2	0	1	171	10.69
Acton	18	6	10	2	0	0	169	10.56
Great Cornard	18	8	8	1	1	0	169	9.94
Elmswell	18	5	10	1	1	1	145	8.53
Walsham Le Willows	18	5	8	2	3	0	85	5.31
Tendring Park	18	2	10	2	3	1	47	2.94

successive promotion, with Lakenheath clear winners with a 100 per cent winning record.

At the foot of the table the two Academy sides, Worlington

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League is changing to safeguard its future

By ROSS STANNARD, league chairman

THE 2018 season seemed to have followed a trend in east Suffolk, as numbers continued to fall for Sunday league cricket. This left us with one division of seven teams. Although a smaller league programme took place, there were many notable performances as follows:

Batting

A John (BT Waldringfield) 117no & 116

R Dearing (Shotley) 122

D Smith (Brantham) 123, 110no, 103no

P Allen (Caribbeans) 164

T Sidhu (Melton St Audry's) 116

Bowling

M Willowe (Eye & District) 5-43

M Nunn (Shotley) 5-18

J Harris (Caribbeans) 6-57

This produced a very close finish to the season between BT Waldringfield and Shotley, who were only separated by four points.

In the cup final, hosted by Melton St Audry's, the hosts took on Brantham but it was Melton's young players who performed way above their years, with Tom Sidhu making 116 with the bat ably supported by Sam Birkett with 71 not out, helping Melton post 252-8. In reply, Brantham finished on 164-9.

Tom Sidhu, who also took two wickets with the ball, was named man of the match.

The Plate was played on a mini-league format due to numbers left, with BT Waldringfield ending up as winners. It is clear we need to change something to keep clubs and

Suffolk Alliance table 2018

	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Avg
BT & Waldringfield	12	9	3	0	105	16.25
Shotley Peninsula	12	9	3	0	81	15.92
Brantham	12	6	3	3	66	15.11
Melton St Audry's	12	7	5	0	90	13.33
Caribbeans	12	4	6	2	48	9.80
Eye & District	11	2	7	2	53	7.55
Worlingworth	11	1	9	1	24	4.40

attract clubs back, so we are looking forward, engaging with clubs and players. Hopefully it will lead to the Suffolk Alliance continuing.

With help from Rob Jones of the Suffolk Cricket Board we will be launching a 30-over format to run alongside the 40-over competition. This is aimed at a shorter match time to help push juniors into a senior match environment, which will hopefully see them progress to the longer format.

Early responses have been positive with a possible five-eight clubs re-joining the Alliance to try this format out for 2019. Although not a rule, it is hoped most teams will play three under-18s.

The rules will also be loosely based on the old Academy league, aiming to get everyone involved in the match.

I would like to thank all the committee for their work over the last year, with extra thanks to Conrad Wright for sorting out all the results and most other problems that seemed to arise and to Nick, Dougie and Dot for hosting all the meetings, cup final and dinner at Melton St Audry's.

HUNTS COUNTY BATS SUFFOLK CRICKET LEAGUE - Continued

and Hadleigh, occupied the bottom two places. D Palmer of Lakenheath recorded the top score in the division with 166, and J Smith of Mildenhall with 6-29 took the bowling honours. There was a similar story again in Division Four, with Twinstead gaining their second successive promotion and Freston, who finished second in Division Five, runners-up. Horringer, who were third in Division Five in 2017, finished third.

Any of four teams could have been relegated, with Elveden eventually finishing bottom just below Bardwell II. Woolpit's inability to field two sides forced them to withdraw during the season. D Bigg's 157 not out for Long Melford II was the division's top score, with S Murtaza of Twinstead's 6-18 being the best bowling analysis in the league.

Division Five welcomed five new teams to the league – Castle, Easton and Nacton from the Suffolk Alliance, Castle Hedingham, a newcomer to league cricket, and a second Acton team.

Three of these – Easton, Castle and Castle Hedingham – finished in the top three places.

The top score in the division was, as in 2017, recorded by P Newton of Walsham-le-Willows with 173. W Mitchell's 6-23 for Easton was the best bowling return. Walsham also took part in the highest-scoring game of the season in which 570

runs were scored, with their 207-7 in reply to a season's best 363-6 by Acton II.

The Hunts County Bats Senior and Junior Player of the Month awards were as follows:

April/May: S Chapman (Edwardstone); H Bevan (Woolpit)

June: D Stevens (Old Newton); A Henry (Battisford)

July: D Bigg (Long Melford); R Carr (Nowton)

Aug/Sept: A Lack (Risby); H Bureau (Woolpit)

The Team of the Year award was won by Lakenheath, who were the only team to go through the season unbeaten.

For the 2019 season we welcome Shotley Peninsula to the league.

At the time of writing no club has withdrawn from the league for 2019 but, as can be seen from this report, increasing lack of player availability means that clubs' pre-season hopes and expectations of being able to fulfil their fixture commitments are sometimes dashed.

The League Rules do permit, with the agreement of both teams, shorter format games, earlier start times and other scenarios heralded as cures for lack of availability, but there seems little appetite from those actually playing in the league to adopt these as defaults. We do, therefore, intend to continue to offer full format cricket to those wishing to play on Sundays.

SUFFOLK YOUNG CRICKETERS

U-10s Boys

Aakshrit John
Albie Blanchard
Alex Bull
Ashton Fox Barrington-Hibbert
Callum Warnes
George Prentice
Harry Nath
Jack Auld
Kieran Lilley
Malan de Toit
Ollie Miller
Riley Pector-Hird
Sam Preece
Tait Ferguson
Theo Gandy
Toby Peachey
Zayan Imam

U-11s Boys

Alfie Paffett
Archie Miller
Barnaby Keen
Benjamin Thomas
Bobby East
Charlie Laws
Freddie Foyster
Ishaan Rakesh
James Bettley
Joe Kearton
Monty Morgan
Nicolas Urquhart-Pearce
Ollie Knight
Toby Toombs
William Menzies
Zachary Gandy

U-12s Boys

Archie Jones

Archie Magnus
Arthur Nath
Conor Berry
Conor Crowley
Dylan Hardy
Farran Kirkham
Frank Rogers
Freddie Paffett
Henry Clark
Matthew Clark
Monte Stamper
Odin Thomas
Oliver Grimwood
Percy Moore
Roan Tucker

U-13s Boys

Alex Macleod
Alexander Bettley
Arthur Summers
Ben Palmer
Charlie Bennett
Freddie Cloud
Freddie De La Rue
Freddie Dyer
Freddie Thompson
James Godden
James Williams
Louis Blanchard
Lucas Howard
Nat Salsby
Shaanjeai Tharaneetharan
William Blackwell

U-14s Boys

Alexander Dunning
Ben Smart
Callum Woolston
Cameron Paul
George Jackson

Isaac Toombs
Kajeai Tharaneetharan
Max Egan
Merlin Stamper
Rory Hollis
Sam Peberdy
Samuel Slatter
William Bettley

U-15s Boys

Arthur Phoenix
Ben Tweedy
Ben Wittish
Brinley Robertson
Cameron Towers
Connor Cobbold
George Bennett
Harry Hitchen
Henry Nicholls
Louis Francis-Smith
Luke Ellis
Ollie Gallop
Ollie Mann
Sam Burkitt
Thomas Harper

U-17s Boys

Bailey Farrant
Ben Chapman
Callum O'Connell
Daniel Leggett
Daniel Norman
Daniel Loveless
Elliot Fox
George Offord
George Tillbrook
Lewis Millions
Maaz Dehlvi
Marcus Packer
Matthew Kent

Max Dias
Oliver Melville-Ross
Oliver Stace
Sam Paisley
Thomas Sidhu
Will Froggatt
Will White

U-11s Girls

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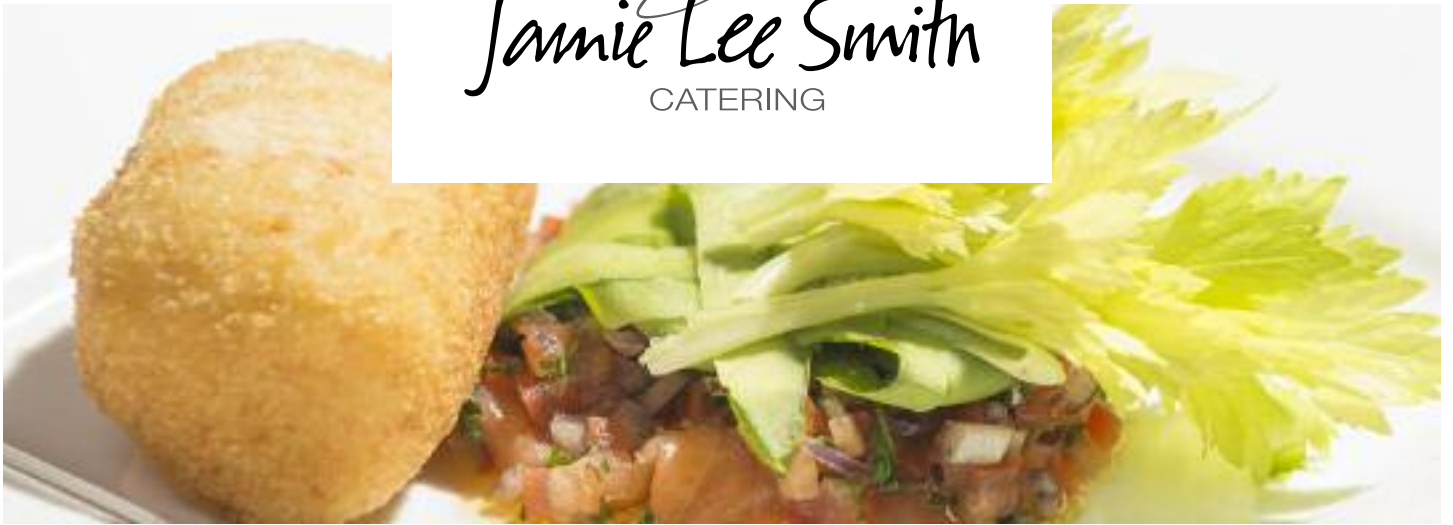
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