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Dear Member,

As we all move into a new decade, Suffolk Cricket ends one and is about to enter a new era also. I have the privilege and honour of taking over as the Suffolk County Cricket Club Chairman from the long-serving Norman Atkins MBE. To say I have some "big shoes to fill" is an understatement as those who know Norman will tell you his commitment and dedication to Suffolk Cricket has been second-to-none. His 25 years of service demonstrates what Suffolk Cricket has meant to him and the whole cricket community should thank him for what he has achieved during his tenure.

For me to take over is a little overwhelming and daunting; however, Suffolk cricket has been in my blood since I started playing for the U13 county schools' side, so with over 40 years being involved as a player and coach, I would like to think I have plenty of experience on how Suffolk cricket goes about its business. To have the experience of committee members Toby Pound, Nick Garnham, Neil Hammond and Andy Northcote (Suffolk cricket performance lead now), along with Nick Shrubshall and Rob Jones's hard-working cricket development team on the county board side, the foundations for me to work with and be part of the team is in place already.

The development pathway for the Suffolk Young Cricketers (SYC) is a key area we need to be working on and the current "key traits and characteristics" framework initiated by Andy and the coaching team bodes well for our future. Creating a most effective high-performance environment is vitally important, so that players can reach their full potential and to produce home-grown Suffolk (and beyond) talent should be our focus. Along with this, we all now have the opportunity to take on the challenges of an exciting new era with the major overhaul and re-branding of Minor Counties Cricket Association (MCCA) after its inception 124 years ago to the new National Counties Cricket Association (NCCA). I would like to extend a warm welcome to former first-class cricketer Neil Dexter as our white-ball professional for the 2020 season.

Unfortunately, Adam Mansfield has decided to stand-down as Suffolk captain and the county would like to thank him for his dedication and leadership during his reign. I am sure Adam will support and provide his invaluable experience to the new elected captain/s in all formats.

I would like to thank our main sponsors Greene King for their continued support and also JLS Catering for their valuable support. I wish you all an enjoyable summer of cricket.



Yours sincerely  
Andrew Squire,  
Chairman,  
Suffolk County Cricket Club

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*COVER: New era for Suffolk cricket as Norman Atkins (right) retires and Andrew Squire takes over.*

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# Minor Counties Championship Leading Averages 2019

**BATTING:** Qualification 6 completed innings

Player	County	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avg
D Chatfield	Herts	11	2	627	174*	69.67
M Hill	Staffs	11	1	668	153	66.80
H Fisher	Dorset	9	2	415	101*	59.29
R Sehmi	Cheshire	10	1	515	145	57.22
J Smith	Cambs	6	0	331	130	55.17
M Richardson	Northum	8	1	381	155	54.43
A Woodland	Bucks	9	2	373	89	53.29
<b>JC Mickleburgh</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>53.25</b>
M Thompson	Devon	8	2	302	132	50.33
W Hussain	Cambs	12	0	602	161	50.17
M Robins	Cornwall	6	0	297	94	49.50
HRC Ellison	Herts	9	1	388	102	48.50
L Webb	Dorset	10	0	469	161	46.90
P Wilshaw	Staffs	11	2	418	122	46.44
M Morris	Staffs	11	0	501	111	45.55
<b>AG Oxley</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>45.29</b>
A Carter	Berks	10	0	451	126	45.10
J Kettleborough	Beds	7	0	314	154	44.86
L Thomason	Cambs	10	1	397	109	44.11
SS Arthurton	Norfolk	11	2	395	68*	43.89
T New	Norfolk	10	1	385	79	42.78
T Maxfield	Staffs	10	1	384	117	42.67
E Woods	Berks	10	0	419	184	41.90
SM Dutton	Cumb	9	1	325	84	40.63
M Williams	Berks	10	3	277	57	39.57
A Eckland	Dorset	10	0	391	109	39.10
T Cant	Northum	10	1	337	76	37.44
OJ Morris	Berks	6	0	217	96	36.17
Kolk	Wales MC	12	1	396	76	36.00
<b>BD Shepperson</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>35.70</b>

AH Ahmed	Herts	8	0	284	101	35.50
J Lintott	Wiltshire	7	0	245	59	35.00
C Herring	Wales MC	6	0	213	102	35.50
S Perera	Berks	9	0	315	100	35.00
J Cater	Oxon	9	1	275	65	34.38
A Hickey	Northum	9	1	274	78	34.25
R Kaufman	Oxon	9	0	302	113	33.56
J Goodwin	Wiltshire	8	0	267	86	33.38
D Freeman	Lincs	7	0	231	86	33.00
D Wainwright	Cheshire	9	1	263	71	32.88
X Clarke	Shrops	6	0	193	61	32.17
C Macdonell	Bucks	10	0	316	62	31.60
<b>KP Young</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>31.44</b>
M Sempill	Cumb	10	1	279	86*	31.00
E Young	Wiltshire	10	1	277	58	30.78
S Thakor	Lincs	8	1	213	47	30.43
J Byatt	Staffs	10	3	212	50*	30.29
B Coddington	Lincs	8	0	241	82	30.13
J Garrett	Oxon	8	1	210	79	30.00
U Qureshi	Wiltshire	8	0	239	81	29.88
M Khan	Bucks	11	1	294	87	29.40
T Cosford	Oxon	7	0	205	76	29.29
R Pritchard	Bucks	9	3	175	42*	29.17
P Harrington	Beds	10	0	282	129	28.20
F McCreath	Northum	8	2	169	62*	28.17
W Fynn	Shrops	9	1	225	79	28.13
G Darlow	Beds	11	1	279	57	27.90
G Smith	Cornwall	8	0	223	48	27.88
T Hewison	Northum	11	1	278	64	27.80
MP Slack	Cumb	7	0	192	86	27.43
M Skeemer	Devon	8	2	164	46*	27.33
J Burke	Devon	7	1	162	55	27.00

**BOWLING:** Qualification: 10 wkts:

Player	County	Ov	M	R	W	Av
L Beaven	Berks	67.2	26	117	12	9.75
J Lintott	Wiltshire	133.5	29	329	33	9.97
A Willerton	Lincs	54.5	13	135	11	12.27
T Nugent	Berks	56.1	16	150	12	12.50
C Peploe	Berks	245.1	82	412	32	12.88
D Ball	Heref	55.5	16	180	12	15.00
A Watson	Norfolk	237.3	51	619	39	15.87
DO Conway	Heref	96.1	24	304	19	16.00
AJ Hanby	Norfolk	186.1	38	615	37	16.62
AW Gorvin	Wales MC	61.2	15	217	13	16.69
W White	Devon	92.5	23	271	16	16.94
M Smith	Cambs	55.1	14	176	10	17.60
T Dinnis	Cornwall	65.4	11	268	15	17.87
J King	Wiltshire	181.0	43	526	29	18.14
J Butcher	Oxon	78.0	17	241	13	18.54
G Andrew	Oxon	195.0	41	483	26	18.58
R White	Oxon	81.0	11	261	14	18.64
J Burden	Bucks	86.1	21	263	14	18.79
T Afridi	Wiltshire	147.1	40	378	20	18.90
B Currie	Dorset	174.3	37	530	28	18.93
S Thakor	Lincs	74.5	9	287	15	19.13
E Woods	Berks	161.5	53	345	18	19.17
D Goodey	Devon	80.2	14	232	12	19.33
D Wainwright	Cheshire	200.2	52	550	28	19.64
G Smith	Cornwall	142.2	23	399	20	19.95
T Maxfield	Staffs	110.0	20	361	18	20.06
A Rishton	Berks	142.0	32	443	22	20.14
A Libby	Cornwall	202.0	58	484	24	20.17
S Normanton	Cheshire	143.1	22	572	28	20.43
C Haddow	Bucks	98.5	20	311	15	20.73
R Findlay	Norfolk	73.1	10	270	13	20.77
G Darlow	Beds	133.0	35	377	18	20.94
U Arshad	Lincs	121.0	38	335	16	20.94
H Whitlock	Devon	168.4	38	505	24	21.04
<b>TWW Rash</b>	<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>126.3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21.74</b>

## Suffolk C.C.C. Championship Averages 2019

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	0	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	10m	5i	C/St
Beaumont J.A.	5	7	-	173	41	24.71	-	-	-	49.3	7	186	7	26.57	4-67	-	-	2
Bocking O.S.	6	5	3	21	17*	10.50	-	-	1	131	19	486	13	37.38	4-23	-	-	-
Cantrell J.J.	5	7	3	147	68*	36.75	-	1	-	138.3	31	418	13	32.15	3-55	-	-	2
Comber M.A.	6	9	-	232	59	25.77	-	1	1	108	19	313	10	31.30	5-48	-	1	2
Foley J.M.	1	1	-	5	5	5.00	-	-	-	16	-	54	2	27.00	2-54	-	-	1
Ironside D.A.	4	8	2	126	36	21.00	-	-	-	49	6	188	7	26.85	3-89	-	-	1
Khushi F.I.N.*	1	2	2	162	120*	-	1	0	0	1	-	4	0	-	-	-	-	1
Mansfield A.P.	5	6	-	90	28	15.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Marston J.*	1	1	-	11	11	11.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8/1
Mickleburgh J.C.	5	9	1	426	155	53.25	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Oxley A.G.	4	7	-	317	124	45.28	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Poulson J.E.	4	6	1	127	51	25.40	-	1	-	52.2	10	160	8	20.00	6-60	-	1	4
Rash T.W.W.	6	9	4	193	103*	38.60	1	-	-	126.3	18	413	19	21.73	5-50	-	1	2
Reece B.J.	1	1	1	28	28*	-	-	-	-	5	1	17	0	-	-	-	-	-
Sadler P.*	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	32	0	-	-	-	-	-
Shepperson B.D.	6	10	-	357	91	35.70	-	4	1	8	-	35	0	-	-	-	-	2
Young K.P.	5	10	1	283	93	31.44	-	2	-	66	6	229	6	38.16	2-51	-	-	6
Sub	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6

\*Debut

## Suffolk C.C.C. T20 Averages 2019

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	5i	C/St
Batch D.P.	8	8	-	71	37*	11.83	-	-	7.4	-	68	2	34.00	2-30	-	5
Beaumont J.A.	4	4	-	98	42	24.50	-	-	13	-	89	6	14.83	2-22	-	2
Bpcking O.S.	6	3	2	15	13	15.00	-	-	20.2	-	174	10	17.40	3-22	-	1
Cantrell J.J.	8	5	3	38	10*	19.00	-	-	19	-	113	4	28.25	2-17	-	3
Foley J.M.	8	8	1	103	31	14.71	-	-	18.3	-	155	5	31.00	5-23	1	3
Harris B.	2	2	-	25	20	12.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hunn M.D.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.2	-	71	1	71.00	1-26	-	-
Ironside D.A.	2	2	-	10	9	5.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Khushi F.I.N.	2	2	-	42	34	21.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mansfield A.P.	6	6	-	150	65	25.00	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-/2
Mickleburgh J.C.	4	4	-	85	44	21.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Mills T.S.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	33	0	-	-	-	-
Moulton-Day K.C.	2	2	-	23	18	11.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Moulton-Day W.M.	2	2	1	2	2*	2.00	-	-	7	-	34	1	34.00	1-16	-	-
Oxley A.G.	4	4	-	73	24	18.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Poulson J.E.	6	3	1	17	7*	8.50	-	-	20	-	134	5	26.80	2-18	-	4
Rash T.W.W.	7	5	-	73	38	14.60	-	-	18	-	147	3	49.00	1-13	-	3
Reece B.J.	4	2	1	12	10	12.00	-	-	9	-	69	3	23.00	2-20	-	1
Shepperson B.D.	8	8	3	151	36*	30.20	-	-	1	-	12	0	-	-	-	4
Vickery R.	1	1	-	6	6	6.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Minor Counties Championship 2019 Final Tables

EASTERN DIVISION	P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
Staffordshire	6	4	0	2	0	112
Norfolk	6	4	1	1	0	107
Cambridgeshire	6	3	0	3	0	98
Lincolnshire	6	3	2	1	0	87
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82</b>
Cumberland	6	1	2	3	0	65
Buckinghamshire	6	1	3	2	0	58
Bedfordshire	6	1	3	2	0	51
Hertfordshire	6	0	3	3	0	48
Northumberland	6	0	4	2	0	41

WESTERN DIVISION	P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
Berkshire	6	5	0	1	0	126
Cheshire	6	3	2	1	0	91
Wiltshire	6	3	2	1	0	82
Oxfordshire	6	3	3	0	0	81
Dorset	6	2	1	3	0	79
Cornwall	6	2	2	2	0	72
Devon	6	2	4	0	0	69
Wales MC	6	2	3	1	0	65





# No silverware, but top-tier status is secured

*Captain's report by ADAM MANSFIELD*

AFTER a successful 2018 season, we went into the winter training programme with great hope that 2019 might be the year we would bring some silverware back to the county.

We went into the 2019 season after our most detailed pre-season programme since I've been involved with the county. Credit must go to head coach Andy Northcote for the effort that went into planning such a detailed programme.

The squad remained relatively similar to previous years, but also included a number of young cricketers pushing for their Minor Counties debuts.

It was great to get our annual pre-season friendly against Essex 2<sup>nd</sup> XI back on the fixture list, but as we well know, playing a first-class county is always tough. It is a great opportunity for us amateur cricketers to test ourselves against full-time professionals and although we did not show our potential with the bat, we bowled fantastically well to restrict Essex to 228-9 off 45 overs.

Leading the attack during the Essex friendly was Matt Hunn. Matt came through the Suffolk Young Cricketers system and went on to have a fantastic first-class career at Kent CCC. Unfortunately for him, injuries cut that career short. Thankfully for us, he came back to where it all started, to hopefully get back to full fitness and to start enjoying the game again.

Before we kicked off the 2019 campaign we played two T20 games against Cambridge MCCU. In the last of those two games, young Alex Oxley scored his maiden senior hundred for Suffolk. It was a good run out for the boys and helped us in our process to hit the ground running.

To start the season off we had a weekend of cricket against Norfolk CCC at their fortress Manor Park. The weekend consisted of the first round of the MCCA Knock-Out Cup

and two MCCA T20 Group games.

The Knock-Out Cup campaign was over rather quickly as we failed to chase down 200 and although a late partnership from Ben Shepperson and Tom Rash gave us hope, we did not perform anywhere near our potential and deserved to be knocked out of the competition. It was a disappointing performance considering how well we had played in the previous two years.

Needing a positive performance in the two T20 games, we managed to win one, lose one, to come away with a share of the points available. In the first we won by six wickets thanks to the two Mildenhall boys, Ben Shepperson and Tom Rash.

In the second, a rain-affected match didn't quite go our way and Norfolk chased down a DLS total of 125 inside 14 overs. Not the ideal start to the season given the time and effort we had put into our pre-season.

Although I was injured against Cambridgeshire for the next two T20s, we once again produced mixed performances and managed to win the first game then lose the second. Watching from the side is tough, knowing you can't influence the game is difficult and something I definitely did not enjoy doing.

For the Bedfordshire games we welcomed Essex professional Feroze Khushi. Knowing two wins would be needed to put us in pole position to qualify, it was great to go into the game with a player of such talent in our XI.

On a rain-affected day we again shared the points available. It was great to see Jack Beaumont open the batting and make full use of the Power Play and I hope it is something he continues to do in the future.

The games at Ipswich School against Hertfordshire were



*The Suffolk team that drew with Cambridgeshire in the Unicorns Championship at Ipswich School. Back row (left to right): Jaik Mickleburgh, Ben Shepperson, Mike Comber, James Poulson, Kyran Young, Jack Beaumont (12<sup>th</sup> man), Josh Cantrell, Alex Oxley, Tom Rash. Front row: Paul Davidge (coach), Darren Ironside, Toby Pound (secretary), Norman Atkins (Chairman), Adam Mansfield (captain), Andy Broome (scorer), Ollie Bocking, Andy Northcote (head coach).*



*Mike Comber, who took over as interim captain for the final two matches of the season.*

two must-win fixtures. Unfortunately, we came up against Essex professional Rishi Patel. He scored one of the best T20 hundreds you will see at Minor Counties level and although it was for the opposing side, I hope it was a learning experience for our younger players.

Although we missed out on Finals Day again, personally I feel we are moving in the right direction. We play so little of this format in our league system that it may be a slow learning process, but I do feel year-on-year we have made good improvements.

T20 cricket is about having fun, backing your skills and taking the positive approach. I feel at times we have not done this and it has resulted in our downfall. However, 2020 brings a fresh start and I hope we can surprise a few counties in our change of approach.

After a few weeks' break we went into the championship season full of confidence from our previous two campaigns. Our side is very similar in each format but it was great to welcome back Mikey Comber and Kyran Young to our starting XI for the first of our championship fixtures.

We started the season against a strong Staffordshire side. After winning the toss, we decided to bat first in the hope that we could get a big first innings total. Alex Oxley (124) and Ben Shepperson (91) stood up to the test from the Staffs bowlers as we posted a score of 393. On a flat Copdock pitch our bowlers were fantastic in restricting Staffordshire to 323, to give us a first innings lead of 70. Unfortunately, the last day was called off with no play possible and ended what I believe would have been an exciting day's play.

The Buckinghamshire fixture will be one that lasts in my memory for a long time. Winning the match played its part but seeing Tom Rash after all his commitment through the years, score his maiden 100 for the county was amazing.

Every single member of our team was over the moon for Tom and that shows what a close group of players we have. After such a positive start to the championship campaign we headed to Cleethorpes to play Lincolnshire. Unfortunately, we put in a very poor display and deserved to lose by 269 runs. Although Jaik Mickleburgh batted superbly on the last day the rest of us could not stick with him and we were bowled out just after tea.

Knowing we now needed to win at least two of our last three matches we went into the Cambridgeshire game still full of hope we could win the championship. On a great Ipswich School pitch, we chose to bat first. Jaik Mickleburgh once again showed his class with a fine 155. He was supported throughout and we managed to post a first innings score of 396.

Cambridgeshire batted well, but a lower-order collapse gave us a 92-run lead. We then batted with great intent to set Cambridgeshire 325 to win. On a turning pitch, we were always in the game, but Cambridgeshire held out and the match finished in a draw.

The game was to be my last as captain for the 2019 season. Although this was a tough decision, I think there comes a time when a fresh face with new ideas is needed. Mikey Comber, who had been my vice-captain, took over for the remaining two fixtures.

Mikey has the full respect of all the players and was someone who I was happy to hand over to.

We then travelled up north for a very wet three days where for most of the time, no play looked possible. Cumberland managed to find an alternative venue for day three and we played a limited-over match. A superb innings from Jack Beaumont put us in with a shout of winning, but Cumberland played smartly and did what they could to make the game end in a draw.

The last championship game of the season was still very important for us as a county even though we could not finish top of the table. With the new league system in place for 2020, it was vital we finished in the top five. This would allow us to play in the top tier of the Eastern side of the division. Mikey Comber led his team with the ball and took five first-innings wickets which, alongside a fine hundred from Feroze Khushi, led us to a six-wicket win.

That victory helped us finish in fifth place and guarantee top-tier cricket for 2020.

I would like to put on record my thanks to the Suffolk County Cricket Club officials for their support throughout my three years as captain of this great county.

Andy Northcote has also been fantastic in helping me and the team prepare the best we possibly could for every fixture and it is great to see him involved with Suffolk Cricket on a full-time basis now.

Without the players, everything we achieved would not have been possible. I have made some friends for life and I have enjoyed every moment leading them.

Whoever becomes captain for the 2020 season will have a fantastic group of men to lead and please know that if you lead by example they will follow and give everything they have for you.

It is now time for someone new to lead the team in what will be a new era for Minor Counties cricket. I hope that (if selected) I can still play a part for the Lions in the future.



# *Presentation to former batsman Martyn Cull*

FORMER Suffolk batsman Martyn Cull received a special presentation ahead of the Unicorns Championship match against Cambridgeshire at Ipswich School, where he is now head groundsman.

Cull, who made his debut in 2006 and most recently played in the final two matches of the 2018 season, was presented with a framed selection of photographs from his Minor Counties career.

The presentation was made by Suffolk all-rounder Tom Rash, who played with Cull in the same Suffolk age group side from under-13 upwards.

Cull initially represented Suffolk Young Cricketers as a seam bowler who didn't bat, and it was only a couple of years later that he started to bat at county level.

"I was 16 or 17 when I started to take my batting seriously," said Cull, after receiving his memento before the opening day's play at Ipswich School, where he has been on the ground staff since 2011.

Cull said: "I played so much cricket with Rashy through the Suffolk age groups and then club cricket and for Suffolk so it was nice of him to say some words about me and do the presentation.

"Sometimes you forget how long you have played for and all the players you have played with during that time."

Cull, who took over as head groundsman in 2014 when Ray East retired and also coaches Ipswich School's 1<sup>st</sup> XI, started his club cricket career with Felixstowe.

He also turned out for Ipswich & East Suffolk and St Margaret's before joining Warminster when he was serving in the Army.

He appeared for Clacton in the early years of the East Anglian Premier League, but following their promotion from the Two Counties Championship Cull joined Copdock.



*Martyn Cull, right, receives a framed selection of photographs depicting his Suffolk career from former team-mate Tom Rash.*

Cull, who is currently with Sudbury, made 64 Minor Counties Championship appearances for Suffolk, scoring 3,857 runs at an average of 35.06.

He scored an undefeated 208 versus Hertfordshire in June 2009 – the first Suffolk batsman to register a double century since 1911.

Cull also holds the county's second-wicket record partnership with Tom Huggins of 240 versus Norfolk at Horsford in 2008.

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## *Ben Shepperson awarded his county cap*

BEN Shepperson thanked his Suffolk captain and coach after being awarded his county cap.



*Ben Shepperson pictured after being presented with his Suffolk cap.*  
*Photograph: Nick Garnham*

Shepperson, who will be 28 in May, received his cap during the three-day Unicorns Championship fixture versus Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe.

He passed 1,000 Minor Counties Championship runs after scoring 53 in Suffolk's second innings to help set up a 246-run victory.

Shepperson made his debut in 2010 in a six-run loss to Cambridgeshire at Wisbech, but didn't establish himself in the Suffolk side until 2017 – Adam Mansfield's first season as Suffolk skipper.

The ex-Mildenhall batsman, who scored 129 versus Hertfordshire at Copdock in 2017, said: "Becoming a capped player for the county truly is a massive honour.

"There were numerous times in the first stint of my Suffolk career where I would never have considered myself a good enough player at this level, but since being recalled in 2017 by Adam Mansfield and (coach) Andy Northcote my game has come on a long way under their leadership and coaching.

"For me, the faith they have in me is really now being repaid and I am proud to have reached this milestone!"

# Copdock to host showcase fixture versus Kent



Ollie Robinson, who could feature for the Kent Spitfires in the match against Suffolk at Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC.

COPDOCK & Old Ipswichian CC will host a fixture involving a first-class county for the first time this summer. The club will stage the ECB 50-over showcase match between Suffolk and Kent Spitfires at their Old London Road ground on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> – just two days before Kent play their opening match in this season's Royal London Cup at Essex.

Tickets have been on sale for the match, which will be sponsored by car dealership Turners Hyundai, since the start of December and a good-sized crowd is anticipated. It will be the first meeting between the two counties since

Suffolk hosted Kent at Ipswich School in the Gillette Cup in 1966.

The showcase match is part of the restructuring of this season's programme for the Minor Counties, who will compete in the rebranded National Cricket Counties Association. Suffolk have not entertained a first-class county since 2005 when they played Glamorgan in the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy.

To purchase tickets in advance, priced £7.50 for adults and £2.50 for children under-16, visit the Suffolk Cricket Board website [www.suffolkcricket.org](http://www.suffolkcricket.org)

## SUFFOLK CCC FIXTURES FOR THE 2020 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](http://www.suffolkccc.play-cricket.com)

### NCCA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

#### JULY

Sun-Tues 12-14 v CAMBRIDGESHIRE at Copdock & O.I. C.C.  
Sun-Tues 26-28 v Norfolk at Manor Park, Horsford

#### AUGUST

Sun-Tues 16-18 v Lincolnshire at Sleaford  
Sun-Tues 23-25 v STAFFORDSHIRE at Ipswich School

### NCCA TROPHY

#### JUNE

Sun 14 v NORFOLK at Mildenhall C.C.  
Sun 21 v Cambridgeshire at Exning C.C.  
Sun 28 v CHESHIRE at Woolpit C.C.

#### JULY

Sun 5 v Shropshire at Whitchurch

### NCCA T20 COMPETITION (2 x T20)

#### MAY

Sun 3 v Bedfordshire at Luton  
Sun 17 v LINCOLNSHIRE at Ipswich School  
Sun 24 v Norfolk at Manor Park, Horsford  
Mon 25 v HERTFORDSHIRE at Ipswich School

### ECB SHOWCASE

#### JULY

Fri 17 v KENT at Copdock & O.I. C.C.

### FRIENDLIES (2 x T20)

#### APRIL

Sun 12 v ESSEX II at Woolpit C.C.  
starting at 11.00  
& 14.00  
Sun 19 v CAMBRIDGESHIRE at Sudbury C.C.  
starting at 11.00  
& 14.00

### 2nd XI

#### AUGUST

Thurs 6 v Cambridgeshire Tbc  
Thurs 20 v Essex at Halstead C.C. (venue might change)  
Thurs 27 v Bedfordshire at Woolpit C.C.

#### SEPTEMBER

Fri 4 v Norfolk at Mildenhall C.C.

Away fixture to Huntingdonshire to be confirmed



# Essex 2nd XI v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Frinton, April 14, 2019  
Competition: Friendly

Umpires: K.M. Oram and K.J. Walker  
Scorers: P. Parkinson and A.J. Broome

Toss won by Essex 2nd XI. Essex 2nd XI won by 116 runs

## Khushi century sets up win for Essex 2nd XI



FEROZE Khushi scored an elegant century as Essex recorded a comfortable victory over Suffolk at Frinton. Khushi, who walked to the wicket in the third over, faced 136 deliveries and struck 11 fours in his undefeated 112.

His innings provided the backbone of the home team's 228-9 in a match reduced to 45 overs-a-side.

Suffolk kept the Essex innings in check until the latter

stages as Matt Hunn, who also took two catches, returned figures of 9-0-54-3 in his first match for Suffolk since re-joining after five seasons with first-class county Kent.

Ollie Bocking and Michael Comber took two wickets apiece on their home club ground.

Suffolk were soon in trouble in their reply as they were reduced to 11-3 inside the opening four overs of their innings as Adam Mansfield, Kyran Young and Darren Batch all fell cheaply.

The visitors then rallied as opener Alex Oxley (18) and Ben Shepperson (37) put on 55 for the fourth wicket in less than 12 overs to give Suffolk a glimmer of hope.

However, they were then dismissed in

*Suffolk players celebrate one of Ollie Bocking's two wickets against Essex 2nd XI at Frinton.*

quick succession and the innings fell away thereafter, Tom Rash (23 not out from 27 balls) providing the only real resistance.

ESSEX 2nd XI						SUFFOLK C.C.C.					
P.I. Walter*		b Hunn	17	A.P. Mansfield*†	c Buttlemann	b Coles	4				
M.A. Morris	c Hunn	b Bocking	4	A.G. Oxley	c Beard	b Nijjar	18				
F.I.N. Khushi	Not Out		112	K.P. Young		b Coles	0				
W.E.L. Buttlemann†	c Mansfield	b Comber	3	D.P. Batch	c Buttlemann	b Beard	1				
A.S.S. Nijjar	c Mansfield	b Hunn	21	B.D. Shepperson	c Coles	b Walter	37				
M.T. Coles	c Hunn	b Poulson	3	M.A. Comber	lbw	b Walter	9				
J.S. Rymell	Run out (Batch/Mansfield)		40	T.W.W. Rash	Not Out		23				
A.P. Beard		b Bocking	0	B.J. Reece		b Nijjar	2				
R.J. Das	lbw	b Hunn	1	J.E. Poulson	lbw	b Nijjar	5				
N.V. Gorantla	c Hunn	b Comber	16	F. Atkins	Run out (Walter/Coles)		3				
B.M.J. Allison	Not Out		0	M.D. Hunn		b Nijjar	1				
Extras (w11)			11		Extras (lb4, w5)		9				
Total (9 wkts) 45 ov			228		Total (all out) 27. ov		112				
Fall: 20 33 44 81 91 184 184 191 224						Fall: 10 10 11 66 68 82 93 105 110 112					
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>		
M.D. Hunn	9	0	54	3	M.T. Coles	9	0	35	2		
O.S. Bocking	8	0	37	2	A.P. Beard	5	1	26	1		
M.A. Comber	9	2	39	2	A.S.S. Nijjar	8.4	0	25	4		
T.W.W. Rash	6	0	21	0	P.I. Walter	5	0	22	2		
J.E. Poulson	7	0	43	1							
B.J. Reece	6	0	34	0							

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

At Sudbury, April 21, 2019

Competition: Friendly

Umpires: T. Smith and J. Boyles

Scorers: J. Abbott and H. Hyde

First match: Toss won by Cambridge. Suffolk won by 9 wkts. Second match: Toss won by Cambridge. Suffolk won by 68 runs

## Opener Oxley is star of the show at Sudbury

ALEX Oxley was in imperious form as Suffolk thrashed Cambridge MCCU in the T20 double-header at Sudbury CC.

The opening batsman struck an unbeaten 58 off 30 balls as Suffolk won the first match by nine wickets and then blitzed his way to a 49-ball century as Suffolk won the second encounter by 68 runs.

Cambridge MCCU were dismissed for just 80 in the opening match, with Sudbury slow left-armer Ben Reece helping himself to four cheap middle-order wickets and Ollie Bocking picking up two.

Jaik Mickleburgh contributed just ten to an opening partnership of 60 as Oxley set about the visitors' attack, striking five sixes and four fours. Jake Foley finished 14 not out as Suffolk reached their target in only eight overs.

Suffolk, batting first in the second match, piled on the runs

as they posted 230-1 in their 20 overs.

Oxley (eight sixes and seven fours) and Mickleburgh shared an opening stand worth 149, before Oxley was retired out after reaching three figures.

Mickleburgh went on to score an undefeated 62, laced with eight



Suffolk's Tom Rash talks to Cambridge MCCU – and Suffolk – all-rounder Josh Cantrell during a break in play as Ben Shepperson looks on.

fours, and Foley finished 44 not out, after twice clearing the ropes added to six fours.

Amit Gupta (40) and Akil Greenidge (50) ensured a more competitive match and Suffolk's own Josh Cantrell was left stranded on 23 as Matt Hunn picked up three wickets.

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

C.J. Guest*	c Mickleburgh	b Rash	0
A. Gupta	c Hunn	b Bocking	21
A. Greenidge	c Mickleburgh	b Bocking	11
A.J. Moent†	lbw	b Reece	22
J.J. Cantrell	c Mickleburgh	b Reece	3
J.E. Poulson	c & b	Foley	4
A. Sears		b Reece	2
J. Park-Johnson		b Reece	1
L.J. Chapman	c Reece	b Beaumont	9
J.O. Cross-Zamirski		b Hunn	3
R. Rao	Not Out		0
	Extras (b1, lb 1, w2)		4
	Total (all out) 18.1 ov		80

Fall: 0 31 45 51 61 65 65 74 80 80				
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
T.W.W. Rash	4	1	12	1
M.D. Hunn	3.1	0	24	1
O.S. Bocking	2	0	15	2
J.M. Foley	4	0	17	1
B.J. Reece	4	1	9	4
J.A. Beaumont	1	0	1	1

### MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

A.G. Oxley	Not Out		58
J.C. Mickleburgh	lbw	b Cantrell	10
J.M. Foley	Not Out		14
D.P. Batch	Did not bat		
B.D. Shepperson	Did not bat		
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat		
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat		
B.J. Reece	Did not bat		
M.D. Hunn	Did not bat		
J.A. Beaumont	Did not bat		
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat		
	Extras (w2)		2
	Total (1 wkts) 8 ov		84

Fall: 60				
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
J.E. Poulson	2	0	15	0
J.O. Cross-Zamirski	1	0	13	0
C.J. Guest	1	0	15	0
A. Sears	1	0	15	0
J.J. Cantrell	2	0	15	1
L.J. Chapman	1	0	11	0

### MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

A.G. Oxley	retired	100
J.C. Mickleburgh	Not Out	62
J.M. Foley	Not Out	44
B.D. Shepperson	Did not bat	
D.P. Batch	Did not bat	
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat	
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat	
B.J. Reece	Did not bat	
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat	
M.D. Hunn	Did not bat	
J.A. Beaumont	Did not bat	
	Extras (b5, lb3, w12, nb4)	24
	Total (1 wkt) 20 ov	230

Fall: 149				
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
J.J. Cantrell	2	0	18	0
O.S. Bocking	4	0	37	0
J. Park-Johnson	3	0	38	0
L. Hill	2	0	28	0
L.J. Chapman	2	0	20	0
K. Mackenzie	4	0	37	0
R.Rao	1	0	20	0
C.J. Guest	2	0	24	0

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

C.J. Guest*	st Mansfield	b Reece	23
A. Gupta	lbw	b Foley	40
A. Greenidge	c Reece	b Hunn	50
A.J. Moent†	Run Out		0
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		23
J. Park-Johnson	lbw	b Rash	4
L. Hill	c & b	Hunn	9
L.J. Chapman		b Hunn	0
R. Rao	Not Out		2
K. Mackenzie	Did not bat		
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat		
	Extras (lb1, w10)		11
	Total (7 wkts) 20 ov		162

Fall: 62 78 78 143 150 160 160				
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
T.W.W. Rash	4	0	22	1
M.D. Hunn	4	0	34	3
J.E. Poulson	2	0	20	0
J.M. Foley	4	0	38	1
B.J. Reece	4	1	26	1
J.A. Beaumont	2	0	21	0



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

At Manor Park, May 6, 2019  
Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: R. Parker and R. Eagleton  
Scorers: A. Bradnock and J. Abbott

*First match: Toss won by Norfolk. Suffolk won by 6 wkts.*  
*Second match: Toss won by Norfolk. Norfolk won by 7 wkts (DLS method)*

## Foley claims first five-wicket haul in opener

SUFFOLK saw the opportunity of their Unicorns T20 campaign get off to a flying start ebb away with the wet weather.

The visitors had won the opening rubber by six wickets and then set a challenging total in the second match only for the elements to intervene and shorten the chase.

In the first encounter Jason Reynolds underpinned the home team's 113-8, scoring more than half their runs.

Leg spinner Jake Foley claimed his first five-wicket haul at a cost of just 23 runs for Suffolk to restrict Norfolk.

The result was never really in any doubt as Suffolk were always ahead of the required run rate, Adam Mansfield the second wicket to fall in the ninth over with the total on 60.

Jaik Mickleburgh, whose 44 occupied 39 balls, and Foley, whose undefeated 21 came from 14 deliveries, added 43 for

MATCH 1 - NORFOLK C.C.C.				
S. Arthurton		b Rash	2	
S.J. Marillier	c Foley	b Hunn	4	
J.D. Reynolds	Run out		60	
T. Newt	c Poulson	b Foley	23	
W.E. Rogers		b Foley	4	
B. Coote	c Poulson	b Foley	1	
M. Plater	c Mickleburgh	b Foley	2	
R. Findlay	c Shepperson	b Foley	0	
A.M. Watson*	Not Out		2	
B. Stolorthy	Not Out		8	
A.J. Hanby	Did not bat			
	Extras (lb1, w6)		7	
	Total (8 wkts) 20 ov		113	

Fall: 7 9 72 85 87 94 101 105

Bowling	O	M	R	W
T.W.W. Rash	4	0	13	1
M.D. Hunn	4	0	26	1
J.E. Poulson	4	0	26	0
J.J. Cantrell	4	0	24	0
J.M. Foley	4	0	23	5

MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
A.G. Oxley	c Reynolds	b Watson	14	
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Stolorthy	b Findlay	44	
A.P. Mansfield*†	lbw	b Coote	18	
J.M. Foley	Not Out		21	
D.P. Batch	c Rogers	b Hanby	1	
B.D. Shepperson	Not Out		9	
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat			
B.J. Reece	Did not bat			
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat			
J.J. Cantrell	Did not bat			
M.D. Hunn	Did not bat			
	Extras (lb5, w3)		8	
	Total (4 wkts) 15.2 ov		115	

Fall: 30 60 103 106

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Hanby	3	0	12	1
B. Coote	3	0	26	1
B. Stolorthy	2	0	13	0
A.M. Watson	3	0	23	1
R. Findlay	3.2	0	25	1
W.E. Rogers	1	0	11	0

the third wicket to see Suffolk to the brink of success which arrived with 4.4 overs to spare.

Suffolk then set a competitive 162-6 in the second

match, with Mickleburgh (36 runs off 26 balls)

and Ben Shepperson (36 not out off 22 balls)

leading the way. A rain interruption meant Norfolk

were set a revised target of 125 off 14 overs under the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method.

Steve Marillier, who shared an opening stand of 79 with Sam Arthurton, hammered 63 off 37 balls (six fours and three sixes)

to guide his side to a seven-wicket win with nine balls remaining.



Jake Foley and wicket-keeper Adam Mansfield celebrate one of Foley's five-wicket haul.

MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.				
A.G. Oxley	c Rogers	b Stolorthy	18	
J.C. Mickleburgh	lbw	b Coote	36	
A.P. Mansfield*†		b Watson	19	
J.M. Foley		b Watson	15	
B.D. Shepperson	Not Out		36	
D.P. Batch		b Findlay	0	
T.W.W. Rash	c Marillier	b Metcalf	25	
B.J. Reece	Not Out		2	
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat			
J.J. Cantrell	Did not bat			
M.D. Hunn	Did not bat			
	Extras (lb5, w6)		11	
	Total (6 wkts) 20 ov		162	

Fall: 45 62 95 98 103 147

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A.J. Hanby	4	0	35	0
C. Metcalf	3	0	25	1
B. Stolorthy	2	0	14	1
B. Coote	3	0	17	1
A.M. Watson	4	0	21	2
R. Findlay	4	0	45	1

MATCH 2 - NORFOLK C.C.C.				
S. Arthurton	c Rash	b Poulson	23	
S.J. Marillier	c Poulson	b Reece	63	
J.D. Reynolds	st Mansfield	b Poulson	1	
R. Findlay	Not Out		11	
B. Coote	Not Out		22	
T. Newt	Did not bat			
W.E. Rogers	Did not bat			
A.M. Watson	Did not bat			
B. Stolorthy	Did not bat			
A.J. Hanby	Did not bat			
C. Metcalf				
	Extras (lb1, w4)		5	
	Total (3 wkts) 12.3 ov		125	

Fall: 79 90 93

Bowling	O	M	R	W
T.W.W. Rash	2	0	17	0
M.D. Hunn	3	0	34	0
J.M. Foley	2.3	0	31	0
B.J. Reece	3	0	29	1
J.E. Poulson	2	0	13	2

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

At Woolpit C.C., May 12, 2019

Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: R. Eagleton and R. Medland

Scorers: J. Abbott and K. Coburn

First match: Toss won by Cambridgeshire. Suffolk won by 7 wkts.

Second match: Toss won by Cambridgeshire. Cambridgeshire won by 27 runs

## Honours end even once again at Woolpit

JUST as they had done in their opening group game, Suffolk won the first match and lost the second game, this time versus Cambridgeshire.

Victory came at a cost in the first rubber, opening bowler Matt Hunn breaking down after bowling just eight balls with a side strain.

Spinners Josh Cantrell and Ben Reece produced identical figures (4-0-20-2) to contain the visiting batsmen in the middle overs and Ollie Bocking chipped in with three late wickets.

Suffolk, set 134 for victory, achieved their target with ten balls and seven wickets to spare.

Alex Oxley (24 off 23 deliveries) gave Suffolk a solid start and the total was on 44 when he was second out in the seventh over.

Jake Foley (31 from 26 balls) and Darren Batch kept the hosts on course for victory, before Batch, with a run-a-ball unbeaten 37, and Ben Shepperson (32 off just 19 balls) guided the hosts home, adding 63 in only 7.3 overs.

An opening stand of 80 in just 6.2 overs between Waqas Hussain (52) and Eddie Ballard (34) set Cambridgeshire on course for victory in the second match. Cantrell (4-0-17-2) was the pick of the bowlers as the visitors closed on 168-8.

Oxley (17 off ten balls) threatened briefly but when he fell it signalled the loss of three wickets in the space of six balls, to leave Suffolk 24-4 off only 3.3 overs.

Shepperson (29 off 23 balls) and Tom Rash (38 off 42 balls) compiled a fifth-wicket stand of 62, but none of the other batsmen were able to make a significant contribution as Suffolk fell 27 runs short.



Matt Hunn, who broke down after bowling just eight balls with a side strain.

### MATCH 1 - CAMBRIDSHIRE C.C.C.

W. Hussain	c Bocking	b Poulson	23
E. Ballard*	c Mickleburgh	b Rash	7
B. Seabrook		b Reece	41
J. Tetley	c Shepperson	b Cantrell	13
R. Sayer	c Batch	b Cantrell	4
J. Seabrook	c Foley	b Reece	9
J.T. Bowers†	c Cantrell	b Bocking	5
C. Craig	Not Out		14
R. Gordon	c Cantrell	b Bocking	1
H. Craig	c Reece	b Bocking	1
S.E. Rippington	Not Out		0
Extras (lb1, w14)			15
Total (9 wkts) 20 ov			133

Fall: 9 46 72 83 103 111 116 117 121

Bowling	O	M	R	W
M.D. Hunn	1.2	0	11	0
T.W.W. Rash	2	0	15	1
D.P. Batch	0.4	0	7	0
O.S. Bocking	3	0	22	3
J.E. Poulson	4	0	25	1
J.J. Cantrell	4	0	20	2
B.J. Reece	4	0	20	2
J.M. Foley	1	0	12	0

### MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

A.G. Oxley†	c Tetley	b C. Craig	24
J.C. Mickleburgh*	c Ballard	b Rippington	4
J.M. Foley		b H. Craig	31
D.P. Batch	Not Out		37
B.D. Shepperson	Not Out		32
T.W.W. Rash	Did not bat		
B.J. Reece	Did not bat		
J.E. Poulson	Did not bat		
J.J. Cantrell	Did not bat		
M.D. Hunn	Did not bat		
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat		
Extras (lb2, w4)			6
Total (3 wkts) 18.2 ov			134

Fall: 24 44 71

Bowling	O	M	R	W
R. Gordon	3	0	23	0
S.E. Rippington	4	0	30	1
C. Craig	3.2	0	24	1
R. Sayer	4	0	33	0
H. Craig	4	0	22	1

### MATCH 2 - CAMBRIDSHIRE C.C.C.

W. Hussain	Run out (Cantrell)	52
E. Ballard	c Mickleburgh	34
B. Seabrook	b Cantrell	9
J. Tetley	c Oxley	21
J.D. Williams*	c Rash	6
R. Sayer	c Rash	21
J.T. Bowers†	Run out (Bocking)	5
R. Gordon	Not Out	1
C. Craig	Run out (Bocking)	0
S.E. Rippington	Did not bat	
H. Craig	Did not bat	
Extras (b3, lb5, w11)		19
Total (8 wkts) 20 ov		168

Fall: 80 94 120 131 158 167 167 168

Bowling	O	M	R	W
O.S. Bocking	4	0	36	2
T.W.W. Rash	2	0	25	0
J.E. Poulson	3	0	27	1
B.J. Reece	2	0	20	0
J.J. Cantrell	4	0	17	2
J.M. Foley	2	0	17	0
W.M. Moulton-Day	3	0	18	0

### MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

A.G. Oxley	c Tetley	b Gordon	17
J.C. Mickleburgh*		b Rippington	1
J.M. Foley	c Tetley	b Rippington	3
D.P. Batch	c Williams	b Rippington	1
B.D. Shepperson	c Sayer	b H. Craig	29
T.W.W. Rash	c H. Craig	b C. Craig	38
B.J. Reece	c Sayer	b Seabrook	10
J.J. Cantrell	c Tetley	b C. Craig	5
J.E. Poulson	c Hussain	b Seabrook	4
O.S. Bocking	c C. Craig	b Gordon	13
W.M. Moulton-Day	Not Out		2
Extras (b9, lb2, w7)			18
Total (all out) 20 ov			141

Fall: 6 21 24 24 86 110 111 122 126 141

Bowling	O	M	R	W
R. Gordon	4	0	40	2
S.E. Rippington	2	0	6	3
C. Craig	3	0	14	2
B. Seabrook	4	0	18	2
H. Craig	4	0	32	1
R. Sayer	2	0	9	0
W. Hussain	1	0	11	0



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

At Dunstable, May 26, 2019

Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

Umpires: G. Callaway and P. Nicholls

Scorers: M. Wynn and J. Abbott

First match: Toss won by Bedfordshire. Suffolk won by 3 runs (DLS method)

Second match: Toss won by Bedfordshire. Bedfordshire won by 71 runs.

## It's Groundhog Day for Suffolk at Dunstable



*Kenny Moulton-Day top-scored for Suffolk in the second match at Bedfordshire after being drafted into the side for his T20 debut.*

SUFFOLK were once again unable to build upon winning the opening game as they comprehensively lost the second.

The visitors were fortunate to take the first match by three runs on the DLS method, after failing to capitalise on an excellent start with the bat. Jack Beaumont (42 off 21 balls) and Adam Mansfield (20 off 16 deliveries) put on 58 in the opening five overs and Essex Academy batsman Feroze Khushi continued the good work on his debut.

But no-one was able to stick around and it was left to Khushi (34 off 31 balls) to steer Suffolk to 145-8.

A rain interruption saw Bedfordshire set a revised target of 105 from 13.2 overs and they ended just three runs shy on 101-4.

Batting first in the second rubber, Bedfordshire posted 146-4, skipper Andy Reynoldson top-scoring with 74 off 59 deliveries and Beaumont taking 2-22 and Billy Moulton-Day 1-16.

An inept batting display saw Suffolk bowled out for just 75 from 14.1 overs in reply to lose by 71 runs.

Sudbury's Kenny Moulton-Day, batting at No.7, made a run-a-ball 18 after being drafted in the night before for his T20 debut for the county.

### MATCH 2 - BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

M. Wolstenholme	Run out (Foley)	3
A. Reynoldson*	c Batch b W.Moulton-Day	74
J. Keeping	c Batch b Beaumont	25
D. Brierly	st Mansfield b Beaumont	13
A. Momi	Not Out	14
S. Davis	Not Out	12
M. Taylor†	Did not bat	
G. Darlow	Did not bat	
A.M. Hasan	Did not bat	
J. Mousley	Did not bat	
E. Hodgson	Did not bat	
Extras (lb3, w2)		5
Total (4 wks) 20 ov		146

Fall: 4 74 92 129

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.E. Poulson	4	0	30	0
W.M. Moulton-Day	4	0	16	1
J.J. Cantrell	3	0	20	0
O.S. Bocking	3	0	31	0
J.A. Beaumont	3	0	22	2
J.M. Foley	3	0	24	0

### MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J.A. Beaumont	c Hasan	b Darlow	42
A.P. Mansfield*†	c Momi	b Hodgson	20
F. Khushi	c Brierly	b Hodgson	34
J.M. Foley	c Mousley	b Darlow	11
D.P. Batch	c Momi	b Brierly	6
B.D. Shepperson		b Brierly	3
T.W.W. Rash	c Taylor	b Brierly	2
K. Moulton-Day	c Hodgson	b Reynoldson	5
J.E. Poulson	Not Out		7
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		4
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat		
Extras (b1, lb2, w8)			11
Total (8 wks) 20 ov			145

Fall: 58 71 87 95 109 114 122 141

Bowling	O	M	R	W
G. Darlow	4	0	24	2
M. Wolstenholme	2	0	29	0
A.M. Hasan	2	0	15	0
E. Hodgson	4	0	26	2
A. Reynoldson	4	0	26	1
D. Brierly	4	0	22	3

### MATCH 1 - BEDFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

A. Momi	c Foley	b Poulson	1
M. Wolstenholme	c Batch	b Rash	2
J. Keeping	Not Out		68
S. Davis	Run out (Beaumont)		0
A. Reynoldson*	c Poulson	b Beaumont	21
D. Brierly	Not Out		4
M. Taylor†	Did not bat		
G. Darlow	Did not bat		
A.M. Hasan	Did not bat		
J. Mousley	Did not bat		
E. Hodgson	Did not bat		
Extras (w5)			5
Total (4 wks) 13.2 ov			101

Fall: 2 5 19 89

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J.E. Poulson	3	0	13	1
T.W.W. Rash	1	0	15	1
J.J. Cantrell	3	0	15	0
O.S. Bocking	2.2	0	17	0
J.M. Foley	2	0	20	0
J.A. Beaumont	2	0	21	1

### MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

A.P. Mansfield*†	c Momi	b Hodgson	9
J.A. Beaumont	c Darlow	b Hodgson	9
F. Khushi	Run out ( Mousley)		8
J.M. Foley		b Wolstenholme	4
D.P. Batch	c Mousley	b Hasan	2
B.D. Shepperson	c Taylor	b Wolstenholme	4
K. Moulton-Day	c & b	Darlow	18
J.E. Poulson	c Momi	b Darlow	6
J.J. Cantrell	lbw	b Darlow	10
O.S. Bocking	Not Out		2
W.M. Moulton-Day	c Wolstenholme		
		b Reynoldson	0
Extras (w3)			3
Total (all out) 14.1 ov			75

Fall: 19 22 27 32 36 42 59 72 75 75				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
E. Hodgson	3	0	21	2
A.M. Hasan	4	0	18	1
M. Wolstenholme	2	0	12	2
G. Darlow	3	0	9	3
A. Reynoldson	2.1	0	15	1

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

At Ipswich School, June 9, 2019

Competition: Unicorns T20 Competition

First match: Toss won by Suffolk. Hertfordshire won by 35 runs. Second match: Toss won by Hertfordshire. Suffolk won by 2 wkts

Umpires: T. Caldicott and G. Marshall

Scorers: J. Abbott and C. Mulholland

## Extraordinary end to Suffolk's T20 campaign

Ben Harris, who scored 20 off 16 balls on his T20 debut for Suffolk at Ipswich School.



SUFFOLK'S Unicorns T20 campaign drew to an extraordinary close at Ipswich School.

With Suffolk needing six to win off the last ball of the match, Ed Wharton delivered a high full toss given as a no ball (two runs) that went to the boundary for four, to hand Suffolk a two-wicket win.

Seventeen runs came off that final over, and ten off the last two balls as Josh Cantrell struck a four through extra cover off the penultimate delivery.

It appeared as though Suffolk had thrown away victory after openers Adam Mansfield, whose 65 off 37 balls was the county's only half-century in the competition, and Jack Beaumont (37 off 16 deliveries) put on 61 for the first wicket in only four overs.

The target was reduced to what should have been a comfortable 39 from the final seven overs with seven wickets still standing, but Suffolk lost their way as wickets tumbled, including that of debutant Ryan Vickery for six.

The visitors has closed their innings on 176-3 largely thanks to an undefeated 101 off 63 balls from Rishi Patel that contained eight fours and three sixes.

Hertfordshire had won the opening encounter by 35 runs after Patel also top-scored with 49 off 34 balls in their 155-7, Ollie Bocking taking 3-27 and Jack Beaumont and Daren Batch picking up two wickets apiece.

Mansfield and Beaumont had put on 29 in 3.4 overs, but the innings lacked momentum thereafter, with the loss of three wickets in 11 balls starting with the departure of Ben Shepperson for 25. That mini-collapse effectively sealed the result as Suffolk slipped to 89-6, although debutant Ben Harris, batting at No.7, provided a ray of sunshine with 20 off 16 balls.

### MATCH 1 - HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

S.R.W. Gale		b Beaumont	32
H.R.C. Ellison	c Batch	b Bocking	19
R. Hussain*		b Bocking	0
R.K. Patel	c & b	Beaumont	49
J.E. Southgate	c Harris	b Batch	22
D. Chatfield	c Shepperson	b Batch	4
A.J. Axon†	c Cantrell	b Bocking	7
E.C.W. Wharton	Not Out		9
J.N. Mehta	Not Out		3
B.A. Waring	Did not bat		
L.J. Chapman	Did not bat		
Extras (b1, lb1, w6, nb2)			10
Total (7 wkts) 20 ov			155

Fall: 37 37 88 111 119 139 144

Bowling	O	M	R	W
T.S. Mills	4	0	33	0
O.S. Bocking	4	0	27	3
T.W.W. Rash	3	0	21	0
J.A. Beaumont	4	0	25	2
D.P. Batch	4	0	30	2
J.J. Cantrell	1	0	17	0

### MATCH 1 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

J. A. Beaumont	c Mehta	b Wharton	10
A.P. Mansfield*†	c Mehta	b Wharton	19
D.P. Batch	c Ellison	b Southgate	17
B.D. Shepperson	c Chapman	b Southgate	25
D. Ironside	c Waring	b Chapman	9
T.W.W. Rash	c Ellison	b Chapman	2
B. Harris	c Chapman	b Mehta	20
J.M. Foley	lbw	b Southgate	1
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		9
O.S. Bocking	Not Out		0
T.S. Mills	Did not bat		
Extras (lb5, w1, nb2)			8
Total (8 wkts) 20 ov			120

Fall: 29 36 67 82 87 89 91 119

Bowling	O	M	R	W
B.A. Waring	4	0	36	0
E.C.W. Wharton	4	0	23	2
L.J. Chapman	4	0	20	2
J.N. Mehta	4	0	13	1
J.E. Southgate	4	0	23	3

### MATCH 2 - HERTFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

S.R.W. Gale	c Shepperson	b Beaumont	32
H.R.C. Ellison	c Ironside	b Bocking	4
R.K. Patel	Not Out		101
R. Hussain*	c Beaumont	b Bocking	24
J.E. Southgate	Not Out		5
J.N. Mehta	Did not bat		
A.J. Axon†	Did not bat		
B.A. Waring	Did not bat		
D. Chatfield	Did not bat		
L.J. Chapman	Did not bat		
E.C.W. Wharton	Did not bat		
Extras (lb2, w6, nb2)			10
Total (3 wkts) 20 ov			176

Fall: 5 94 166

Bowling	O	M	R	W
O.S. Bocking	4	0	41	2
D.P. Batch	3	0	31	0
T.W.W. Rash	4	0	41	0
J.M. Foley	4	0	28	0
J.A. Beaumont	4	0	21	1
B.D. Shepperson	1	0	12	0

### MATCH 2 - SUFFOLK C.C.C.

A.P. Mansfield*†	c Southgate	b Waring	65
J. A. Beaumont		b Chapman	37
J.M. Foley	lbw	b Mehta	17
B. Harris	c Southgate	b Mehta	5
B.D. Shepperson		b Mehta	13
D. Ironside	c Chapman	b Wharton	1
R. Vickery	lbw	b Southgate	6
T.W.W. Rash	c Axon	b Chapman	6
D.P. Batch	Not Out		7
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		10
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat		
Extras (b4, w4, nb2)			10
Total (8 wkts) 19.5 ov			177

Fall: 61 88 109 140 144 147 157 158

Bowling	O	M	R	W
B.A. Waring	4	0	47	1
E.C.W. Wharton	3.5	0	47	1
L.J. Chapman	4	0	23	2
J.E. Southgate	4	0	36	1
J.N. Mehta	4	0	20	3



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

At Manor Park, May 5, 2019  
Competition: Unicorns KO Trophy

Umpires: S. Widdup and M. Spenceley  
Scorers: A. Bradnock and A. J. Broome

*Suffolk won the toss. Result: Norfolk won by 14 runs.*

## KO Trophy interest ends at the first hurdle

SUFFOLK were left to rue a below-par display after losing to old rivals Norfolk in the first round of the Unicorns KO Trophy.

It was a disappointing exit from the competition, especially as hopes were high that Suffolk could at least emulate the previous season's performance of reaching the semi-finals of this competition.

After winning the toss, Suffolk inserted the home team and bowled tidily on a wicket where runs were hard to come by to restrict them in their first half of their innings, Tom Rash delivering seven overs for just 16 runs.

Norfolk rallied in the latter stages through Stephen Marillier and Ryan Findlay, who struck 20 off just eight deliveries, including two sixes in the final over which yielded 19 runs and was to prove pivotal to the outcome.

Suffolk lost three early wickets and half the team were back in the

pavilion with only 82 runs on the board as they failed to build any potentially match-winning partnerships.

Jaik Mickleburgh, Jack Beaumont and Ben Shepperson all got in but failed to go on and Rash held the innings together, before being eighth out with the total on 167.

Norfolk spinners Ashley Watson and Ryan Findlay bowled a combined total 20 overs for 58 runs and picked up three wickets between them as they stifled Suffolk's batsmen.

Even though the asking rate continued to climb Suffolk were still in with a shout up until Matt Hunn was last man out with 14 required off the last 11 balls.



*Darren Batch took two wickets for 38 runs in his nine-over spell.*

NORFOLK C.C.C.			
M. Plater	c Mickleburgh	b Poulson	10
S. Artherton	c Mansfield	b Batch	37
J. D. Reynolds	Run out (Mansfield)		13
T. New†	c Mansfield	b Batch	48
S.J. Marillier	c Cantrell	b Reece	35
A.M. Watson*	c Shepperson	b Reece	15
B. Coote	c Mansfield	b Hunn	2
C. Metcalf	Not Out		8
R. Findlay	Not Out		20
W.E. Rogers	Did not bat		
B. Stolorthy	Did not bat		
Extras (lb5, w5, nb2)			12
Total (7 wkts) 50 ov			200

Fall: 28 54 75 143 157 163 179

Bowling	O	M	R	W
T.W.W. Rash	7	0	16	0
M.D. Hunn	10	1	49	1
J.E. Poulson	9	1	40	1
J.J. Cantrell	10	1	32	0
D.P. Batch	9	1	38	2
B.J. Reece	5	0	20	2

SUFFOLK C.C.C.			
A.P. Mansfield*†	c Artherton	b Hanby	2
J.C. Mickleburgh	c Plater	b Coote	32
J.M. Foley	c New	b Metcalf	4
D.P. Batch	c New	b Stolorthy	1
J.A. Beaumont		b Watson	29
B.D. Shepperson	lbw	b Findlay	22
T.W.W. Rash		b Hanby	40
J.J. Cantrell	st New	b Findlay	11
B.J. Reece	Not Out		14
J.E. Poulson	c & b	Stolorthy	5
M.D. Hunn		b Metcalf	4
Extras (b1, lb2, w17, nb2)			22
Total (all out) 48.4 ov			186

Fall: 7 20 29 64 82 111 135 167 174 186

Bowling	O	M	R	W
C. Metcalf	4.4	0	20	2
A.J. Hanby	9	0	46	2
B. Stolorthy	10	0	40	2
B. Coote	5	0	19	1
A.M. Watson	10	1	28	1
R. Findlay	10	0	30	2

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

At Copdock, June 23, 24, 25, 2019  
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: R. Parker and M. Spenceley  
Scorers: A. J. Broome and K. O'Connell

*Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Match drawn. Suffolk 11pts, Staffordshire 10pts*

## Rain is the winner after Oxley's maiden ton



HEAVY early morning rain forced the abandonment of the third and final day's play at Copdock.

Three-quarters of an inch – the equivalent of two weeks' worth of rain for the time of year – fell in just two-and-a-half hours and formed puddles under the covers.

The two umpires, after consulting both captains, decided to abandon the match without a ball being bowled on day three.

Suffolk led by 105 runs going into the final day with nine second-innings wicket intact, after reaching 35-1 at the close of play on the second day.

The home team had posted 393-8 in their first innings, built around a maiden Minor Counties century for 18-year-old Alex Oxley, who learned after the match he had been called up to be 12<sup>th</sup> man for Warwickshire for the first time.

Oxley's 124 came from 189 deliveries laced with 15 fours and three sixes and together with Kyran Young (51) he added 106 for the second wicket and 98 for the third with Jack Beaumont.

That gave Suffolk the platform to launch an assault on the tiring Staffordshire bowlers in the remaining 25 overs of the innings, with Ben Shepperson plundering 91 off 61 balls with ten fours and three sixes.

Staffordshire replied with 323-8 – a 70-run deficit on first innings – as Matthew Morris (73) and Michael Hill (71) shared a fourth-wicket alliance of 140 and Peter Willshaw ended undefeated on 66, with Josh Cantrell taking three wickets.

*Alex Oxley, who scored his maiden century for Suffolk versus Staffordshire at Copdock.*

### SUFFOLK C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

A.G. Oxley	st Byatt	b Byrne	124	c Byatt	b Phagura	10
D.A. Ironside		b Phagura	8	Not Out		21
K.P. Young	c Byatt	b Byrne	51	Not Out		3
J.A. Beaumont	c Byrne	b Ali	34	Did not bat		
B.D. Shepperson	st Byatt	b Ali	91	Did not bat		
T.W.W. Rash	c Byatt	b Ali	6	Did not bat		
A.P. Mansfield*†	lbw	b Byrne	14	Did not bat		
B.J. Reece	Not Out		28	Did not bat		
M.A. Comber	c Mousley	b Cox	26	Did not bat		
J.J. Cantrell	Not Out		3	Did not bat		
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat					
	Extras lb6, nb2		8	Extras 1b,		1
	Total (8 wks) 90 ov		393	Total (1 wkt) 18 ov		35

Fall: 18 124 222 225 260 297 343 385

Fall: 21

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
J. Cox	14	3	49	1	7	1	16	0
B. Phagura	17	4	52	1	7	2	15	1
D. Richardson	7	0	35	0	2	1	3	0
T. Maxfield	8	1	30	0				
M. Hill	3	0	17	0				
P. Byrne	25	2	109	3	(4)	2	2	0
K. Ali	13	0	77	3				
D. Mousley	3	0	18	0				

### STAFFORDSHIRE C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

K. Ali*	c Young	b Bocking	43			
D. Mousley	c Mansfield	b Rash	14			
D. Richardson	c Beaumont	b Bocking	24			
M. Morris	c Rash	b Cantrell	73			
M. Hill	c Oxley	b Cantrell	71			
P. Willshaw	Not Out		66			
T. Maxfield	c Ironside	b Cantrell	2			
S. Byatt†	lbw	b Young	4			
B. Phagura	c sub (Marston)	b Young	5			
P. Byrne	Not Out		11			
J. Cox	Did not bat					
	Extras b7, lb3		10	Extras		
	Total (8 wks) 90 ov		323	Total		

Fall: 45 75 92 232 234 256 278 300

Fall:

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	14	7	21	0				
O.S. Bocking	16	1	77	2				
T.W.W. Rash	12	2	41	1				
B.J. Reece	5	1	17	0				
K.P. Young	14	2	51	2				
J.J. Cantrell	25	4	90	3				
D. Ironside	4	0	16	0				



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

At High Wycombe, July 7, 8, 9, 2019

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: S. Shanmugam and J. Tredwell

Scorers: I. Thompson and A. J. Broome

*Toss won by Buckinghamshire. Result: Suffolk won by 246 runs. Suffolk 24pts, Buckinghamshire 7pts*

## Rash hits first ton in splendid Suffolk victory

SUFFOLK produced a splendid all-round performance to beat hosts Buckinghamshire by 246 runs at High Wycombe.

The visitors showed great resilience in a match which saw three players achieve career-bests plus a new record ninth-wicket partnership.

It was not all plain sailing for Suffolk, who were stuttering at 183-7 in their first innings, before James Poulson (51) and Michael Comber (59) added 111.

Poulson then starred with the ball, taking 6-60 – his best figures for the county – as Suffolk earned a 46-run advantage, despite Alexander Woodland and Michael Payne putting on 126 for the fourth wicket.

Suffolk then found themselves in dire straits at 57-5 in their second innings – a lead of just 103 – when Tom Rash walked to the wicket.

The all-rounder, playing in his 43<sup>rd</sup> Championship match for Suffolk, scored an undefeated 103 from 162 deliveries with 13 fours and one six, completing his century off the penultimate ball before lunch on the final day.

He received good support initially from Ben Shepperson (53) and then Poulson but most importantly from Josh Cantrell, whose career-high 68 not out laced with nine fours came in an unbroken ninth-wicket alliance of 136.

This surpassed the previous best of 125 between Mike Maranta and Colin Rutterford versus Hertfordshire at Ransomes in 1980 and paved the way for Suffolk's success.

They dismissed their opponents for just 114, after they collapsed from 107-5, as Ollie Bocking took four wickets and Rash three, with wicket-keeper Adam Mansfield claiming a couple of outstanding catches.



*Tom Rash, who scored his first century for Suffolk in his 43<sup>rd</sup> Championship match for the county.*

### SUFFOLK C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

A.P. Mansfield*†	c Woodland	b Burden	28
J.C. Mickleburgh	lbw	b Woodland	38
K.P. Young	lbw	b Parsons	45
J.A. Beaumont	Run out (Parsons)		41
D. Ironside	c Burden	b Payne	7
B.D. Shepperson	c Khan	b Haddow	11
T.W.W. Rash	lbw	b Woodland	7
J.E. Poulson	c Pritchard	b Park	51
M.A. Comber	c Marles	b Payne	59
J.J. Cantrell	lbw	b Burden	16
O.S. Bocking	Not Out		17
	Extras 2b, 8lb, 5w, 2nb		17
	Total (all out) 84.1 ov		337

#### 2nd Innings

c Park	b Parsons	19
c Pritchard	b Burden	7
	b Woodland	7
	b Burden	2
lbw	b Parsons	4
c Macdonell	b Hampton	53
7	Not Out	103
c Khan	b Payne	28
	b Burden	13
16	Not Out	68
17	Did not bat	
17	Extras 10lb	10
337	Total (8 dec) 77 ov	314

Fall: 54 80 149 164 164 183 183 294 304 337

Fall: 26 26 28 33 57 105 161 178

#### Bowling

	O	M	R	W
C. Parsons	17	6	43	1
T. Hampton	16	2	77	0
J. Burden	17.1	6	47	2
A. Woodland	9	1	44	2
G. Park	5	0	26	1
M. Payne	10	0	43	2
C. Haddow	10	0	47	1
M. Khan				

### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

M. Khan	lbw	b Bocking	11
A. Woodland		b Poulson	87
D. Marles	c Mansfield	b Young	29
C. Macdonell		b Bocking	1
M. Payne	c Young	b Poulson	78
G. Park		b Poulson	7
R. Pritchard†	lbw	b Rash	4
C. Parsons	lbw	b Poulson	1
T. Hampton*	c Shepperson	b Poulson	40
C. Haddow	c sub (Frame)	b Poulson	27
J. Burden	Not Out		0
	Extras 5lb, 1w		6
	Total (all out) 87.2 ov		291

#### 2nd Innings

c Mansfield	b Poulson	9
	b Comber	6
lbw	b Bocking	34
c Shepperson	b Comber	25
	b Bocking	2
c Mansfield	b Rash	7
Not Out		23
c Mansfield	b Rash	0
	b Bocking	0
(9) c sub (Frame)	b Rash	1
	b Bocking	0
Extras 5lb, 2nb		7
Total (all out) 39 ov		114

Fall: 20 68 69 195 218 222 224 231 291 291

Fall: 11 17 75 78 81 107 107 113 114 114

#### Bowling

	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	22	4	51	0
J.E. Poulson	20.2	6	60	6
O.S. Bocking	13	3	35	1
T.W.W. Rash	17	2	87	2
J.J. Cantrell	9	0	38	0
K.P. Young	5	1	8	1
J.A. Beaumont	1	0	7	0

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

At Cleethorpes, July 21,22, 23, 2019  
Competition: Unicorns Championship

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

*Toss won by Lincolnshire. Result: Lincolnshire won by 269 runs. Lincolnshire 23pts, Suffolk 3pts*

## Suffolk suffer a heavy defeat by the seaside



*Jaik Mickleburgh batting during Suffolk's second innings against Lincolnshire at Cleethorpes where he carried his bat.*

SUFFOLK came down to earth with a bump as they suffered a heavy loss to Lincolnshire beside the seaside.

The visitors had Lincolnshire 79-4 at lunch on day one, but a 133-run partnership between Ben Coddington (82) and Dan Freeman (86) saw them recover to 316-7. Suffolk then lost three wickets for just 30 in the 17 overs that remained and fared little better the following day.

Seven players got into double figures – Michael Comber top-scored with 28 – but no-one made a significant score as Suffolk were dismissed for 170 and trailed by 146 runs on first innings.

Usman Arshad and Freeman picked up four wickets apiece as Suffolk failed to build any significant partnerships, the highest being 40 for the fourth wicket.

Lincolnshire had moved to 119-1 at tea on the second day, but Suffolk fought back well in the final session of the day to capture a further six wickets, with Darren Ironside taking 3-89.

However, the hosts had stretched their lead to 425 by stumps and they declared before play on the third and final day.

Suffolk had progressed to 119-3 by early afternoon, but any thoughts of a draw were blown away by Shiv Thakor taking 5-21 from 14 overs.

Jaik Mickleburgh was the only batsman to offer any real resistance, facing 181 deliveries as he carried his bat for 62 not out.

### LINCOLNSHIRE C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

J. Kendall	Run out (Ironside)	9
J. Timby	c Young b Comber	26
B. Coddington	c Comber b Bocking	82
S. Thakor	lbw b Rash	8
D. Freeman	c Poulson b Rash	7
S. Johnson	lbw b Ironside	86
C. Wilson*†	c Poulson b Comber	13
U. Arshad	Not Out	43
M. Fowler	Not Out	24
J. Dobson	Did not bat	
N. Keast	Did not bat	
	Extras 6b, 8lb, 4nb	18
	Total (7 wks) 90 ov	316

#### 2nd Innings

c Poulson b Ironside	67
Run out (Ironside)	22
lbw b Cantrell	42
c Young b Ironside	25
c Beaumont b Rash	55
c Mansfield b Ironside	2
(9) Not Out	32
Did not bat	
(8) lbw b Rash	0
(7) Not Out	29
Did not bat	
Extras 5lb	5
Total (7 wks dec) 69 ov	279

Fall: 20 43 63 79 212 245 247

Fall: 46 128 142 208 218 218 218

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	16	2	68	2	2	0	8	0
J.E. Poulson	5	1	16	0	(4)	7	1	26
O.S. Bocking	21	5	62	1	(2)	4	1	15
K.P. Young	7	0	25	0	(5)	4	0	17
T.W.W. Rash	12	3	22	2	(3)	15	1	62
J.A. Beaumont	13	1	53	0	(8)	2	0	3
J.J. Cantrell	9	2	29	0	(6)	15	2	54
D. Ironside	7	0	27	1	(7)	20	1	89

### SUFFOLK C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

A.P. Mansfield*†	c & b	Freeman	11
J.C. Mickleburgh	b Freeman	0	
K.P. Young	c Johnson b Arshad	7	
J.A. Beaumont	b Arshad	26	
D. Ironside	c Dobson b Arshad	14	
B.D. Shepperson	c Coddington b Thakor	15	
T.W.W. Rash	lbw b Freeman	26	
J.E. Poulson	c Wilson b Thakor	8	
M.A. Comber	c Wilson b Arshad	28	
J.J. Cantrell	c Wilson b Freeman	22	
O.S. Bocking	Not Out	0	
	Extras 6b, 6lb, 1w	13	
	Total (all out) 54.1 ov	170	

#### 2nd Innings

lbw b Freeman	9
Not Out	62
c Freeman b Arshad	7
c Freeman b Thakor	17
lbw b Thakor	25
lbw b Thakor	0
c Wilson b Arshad	1
c Coddington b Thakor	5
c Wilson b Thakor	0
c Fowler b Keast	11
lbw b Keast	0
Extras 11lb, 6w, 2nb	19
Total (all out) 64.5 ov	156

Fall: 0 20 20 60 65 92 112 132 164 170

Fall: 11 24 62 119 119 120 143 143 156 156

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
U. Arshad	18	7	38	4	21	9	50	2
D. Freeman	16.1	4	52	4	14	2	40	1
N. Keast	8	2	14	0	(5)	10.5	1	19
S. Thakor	9	0	41	2	(4)	14	5	21
J. Dobson	3	1	13	0	(3)	4	1	10
M. Fowler					(6)	1	0	5



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

At Ipswich School, August 4, 5, 6, 2019

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: R. Parker and S. Shanmugam

Scorers: A. J. Broome and K. Coburn

*Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Match drawn. Suffolk 12pts, Cambridgeshire 9pts*

## Visiting batsmen frustrate Suffolk on last day



*Andy Northcote fielding at short leg on the last afternoon of the match versus Cambridgeshire at Ipswich School.*

SUFFOLK were left frustrated as Cambridgeshire batted out for a draw at Ipswich School.

The visitors were set 380 to win in what amounted to 84 overs, but they finished well adrift on 233-7 at the close.

Lee Thomason and skipper James Williams, who came together with Cambridgeshire wobbling on 81-3, shared a fourth-wicket stand of 117 to steer their side towards safety.

Jaik Mickleburgh scored a superb 155 to underpin Suffolk's first innings total of 396-6, with Ben Shepperson, Mike Comber, Kyran Young and Darren Ironside all adding useful support.

Cambridgeshire replied with 304 all out, losing their last four wickets for the addition of just four runs, with Raj

Singh unable to bat or take any further part in the game after earlier dislocating his right shoulder diving to stop the ball while fielding.

Suffolk finished day two on 76-0 and Mickleburgh, who went on to make 73, and Alex Oxley, who top-scored with 82, extended their opening partnership to 116 before being parted on the last day.

Shepperson (61 off 41 balls) and Comber (25 off 12 balls) added quick runs to enable Suffolk to declare their second innings on 287-5.

Although Josh Cantrell took three wickets to give him six in the match and head coach Andy Northcote, fielding for the injured Comber, claimed three catches at short leg, Suffolk could not force victory.

### SUFFOLK C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

A.G. Oxley	c Bowers	b Singh	15	c Mackenzie	b Rippington	82
J.C. Mickleburgh		b Akhter	155		b Akhter	73
K.P. Young	lbw	b Guest	37	c Williams	b Rippington	10
B.D. Shepperson	c Akhter	b Rippington	57		b Rippington	61
D. Ironside		b Rippington	36 (6)	Not Out		11
M.A. Comber	c Sayer	b Rippington	48 (5)	c Thomason	b Akhter	25
T.W.W. Rash	Not Out		10	Not Out		16
J.E. Poulson	Not Out		3	Did not bat		
A.P. Mansfield*†	Did not bat			Did not bat		
J.J. Cantrell	Did not bat			Did not bat		
O.S. Bocking	Did not bat			Did not bat		
Extras 2b, 10lb, 5w, 18nb			35	Extras 3b, 5lb, 1w		9
Total (6 wkts) 90 ov			396	Total (5 wkts dec) 58 ov		287

Fall: 41 155 255 311 371 390

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Fall: 116	146	223	249	258
S.E. Rippington	15	1	92	3	(2)	15	0	100	3
Z. Akhter	24	5	79	1	(1)	15	3	69	2
R. Singh	9	4	26	1					
W. Hussain	3	0	21	0					
R. Sayer	11	1	34	0	(4)	17	1	59	0
K. Mackenzie	14	1	74	0	(5)	3	0	33	0
C. Guest	11	1	44	1	(3)	8	3	18	0
L. Thomason	3	1	14	0					

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

W. Hussain	c Rash	b Young	79	c sub (Northcote)	b Cantrell	48
E. Ballard	lbw	b Ironside	52	lbw	b Rash	12
C. Guest	c Cantrell	b Ironside	19	c Mansfield	b Young	12
L. Thomason	c Mansfield	b Bocking	45	c sub (Northcote)	b Cantrell	68
J.D. Williams*	c Mickleburgh	b Poulson	53	c Mansfield	b Bocking	52
R. Sayer	lbw	b Rash	4	Not Out		16
J.T. Bowers†		b Cantrell	33	c sub (Northcote)	b Cantrell	8
K. Mackenzie	c Mickleburgh	b Cantrell	1	c Poulson	b Ironside	0
Z. Akhter	Not Out		0	Not Out		0
S.E. Rippington	c Mansfield	b Cantrell	0	Did not bat		
R. Singh	Retired not out		0	Did not bat		
Extras 7b, 9lb, 2w			18	Extras 6b, 3lb, 2w, 6nb		17
Total (9 wkts) 75 ov			304	Total (7 wkts) 83.3		233

Fall: 114 152 180 228 233 300 304

Bowling	O	M	R	W	Fall: 28	77	81	198	208	228	229
J.E. Poulson	7	1	19	1	(8)	2	0	4	0		
O.S. Bocking	14	0	66	1	(4)	9	1	30	1		
T.W.W. Rash	9	1	44	1	(3)	11	1	27	1		
M.A. Comber	8	1	25	0	(1)	5	1	17	0		
K.P. Young	12	0	44	1	(5)	4	0	21	1		
J.J. Cantrell	18	5	55	3	(2)	33.3	10	69	3		
D. Ironside	7	0	35	2	(6)	11	5	21	1		
B.D. Shepperson					(7)	8	0	35	0		

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

At Kendal, August 18, 19, 20, 2019  
Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: S. Beswick and D. Warburton  
Scorers: G. Minshaw and A. J. Broome

*Toss won by Suffolk. Result: Match drawn. Cumberland 8pts, Suffolk 8pts. No bonus points in a 3-day match reduced to 1-day 1 innings*

## Suffolk draw after a frustrating three days

SUFFOLK had to settle for a draw at the end of a frustrating three days in Cumberland.

Sedbergh School, the original venue, was too wet to allow any play on the first two days, so the fixture was switched to nearby Netherfield C.C.

Although in effect a one-day fixture, the match was played under three day rules, with the side batting first allowed to face a maximum of 64 overs.

Cumberland, who took lunch on 125-5 off 35 overs, recovered to post 232-9 before declaring after 61.3 overs. Sam Dutton made a well-constructed 84 and Jacques Du Toit 52 in his final Championship innings.

Tom Rash was the pick of the Suffolk bowlers, claiming his third five-wicket haul for the county, who gave a debut to Sudbury seamer Paddy Sadler, a former Scotland Under-19 World Cup captain.

After the loss of two early wickets in pursuit of their target, Jaik Mickleburgh's run-a-ball 59 and Ben Shepperson (42 off 44 deliveries) put Suffolk back on course in a third-wicket stand of 98.

Jack Beaumont's 34 off 27 balls carried on the chase until he was run out in a mix-up with Rash and 42 were required from the final six overs with three wickets still standing.

James Poulson struck 32 off just 25 balls before he holed out at long off from the first ball of the 43<sup>rd</sup> over with 20 needed and that proved to be the final over at the clock ticked past 6.30pm to curtail Suffolk's run chase.



*Paddy Sadler bowling on his debut for Suffolk versus Cumberland at Netherfield C.C. in Kendal.*

### CUMBERLAND C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

G.C. Platten	c Mansfield	b Rash	9
B. Davidson	c Oxley	b Bocking	2
M.P. Slack		b Rash	2
S.M. Dutton†	c Foley	b Rash	84
G. Pratt*	lbw	b Rash	17
J. du Toit		b Foley	52
M. Sempill		b Foley	15
A. Grainger	lbw	b Rash	0
S.A. Wood	lbw	b Beaumont	14
T. Bulcock	Not Out		14
A. Syddall	Did not bat		
Extras 2b, 8lb, 2w, 6nb, 5pr			23
Total (9 wkts dec) 61.3 ov			232

Fall: 8 11 16 38 117 149 150 204 232

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
O.S. Bocking	12	2	34	1				
P. Sadler	6	1	32	0				
T.W.W. Rash	16.3	0	50	5				
J.E. Poulson	6	1	22	0				
J.M. Foley	16	0	54	2				
J.A. Beaumont	5	0	25	1				

### SUFFOLK C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

J.M. Foley	c Pratt	b Syddall	5
J.C. Mickleburgh	lbw	b Bulcock	59
A.G. Oxley	lbw	b Syddall	0
B.D. Shepperson	c du Toit	b Wood	42
A.P. Mansfield†	c & b	Bulcock	9
J.A. Beaumont	Run out (Wood)		34
M.A. Comber*		b Bulcock	9
T.W.W. Rash	Not Out		19
J.E. Poulson	c Wood	b Syddall	32
O.S. Bocking	Not Out		0
P. Sadler	Did not bat		
Extras 4b			4
Total (8 wkts) 43 ov			213

Fall: 8 10 108 114 133 159 171 213

Bowling	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W
A. Syddall	11	5	51	3				
M.P. Slack	3	0	10	0				
T. Bulcock	18	1	90	3				
S.A. Wood	7	0	34	1				
J. du Toit	4	0	24	0				



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

At Bury St Edmunds, September 1, 2, 3, 2019

Competition: Unicorns Championship

Umpires: N. Davies and S. Shanmugam

Scorers: A. J. Broome and K. Telford

*Toss won by Northumberland. Result: Suffolk won by 6 wks. Suffolk 24pts, Northumberland 6pts*

## Debutant duo star as Suffolk finish on a high

DEBUTANTS Feroze Khushi and Jacob Marston both played leading roles as a six-wicket win ensured Suffolk of a fifth-placed finish in the Eastern Division.

That was sufficient for them to join champions Staffordshire plus Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire in Eastern Division One of the re-branded National Cricket Counties Championship for the 2020 season.

Interim captain Mike Comber claimed 5-48 as Northumberland, at one stage 108-8, were bowled out for 237 after winning the toss and electing to bat.

### NORTHUMBERLAND C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

J. Thompson	c Marston	b Comber	5
T. Hewison	c Marston	b Comber	15
A. Hickey		b Cantrell	23
M. Richardson†	c Cantrell	b Comber	2
C. Peareth		b Comber	5
T. Cant*	c Young	b Comber	29
S. Tindale	c Marston	b Rash	13
F. McCreath	Not Out		62
C. McCabe		b Rash	2
O. McGee	c Young	b Beaumont	31
K. Waterson		b Beaumont	33

Extras 5b, 2lb, 10nb

Total (all out) 72.3 ov

#### 2nd Innings

c Marston	b Comber	6
b Rash		33
b Bocking		28
c Khushi	b Cantrell	37
c Marston	b Young	29
c Marston	b Beaumont	47
st Marston	b Cantrell	11
(9) c Marston	b Beaumont	7
(10) Not Out		40
(8) c Oxley	b Beaumont	24
c Comber	b Beaumont	24

Extras 17b, 8lb, 6nb

Total (all out) 89 ov

Fall: 22 25 27 45 81 103 105 108 166 237

Fall: 16 56 90 129 151 192 204 239 279 317

#### Bowling

	O	M	R	W
M.A. Comber	20	4	48	5
O.S. Bocking	12	2	29	0
T.W.W. Rash	16	2	57	2
K.P. Young	10	1	34	0
J.J. Cantrell	9	2	37	1
J.A. Beaumont	5.3	1	25	2
F. Khushi				

### SUFFOLK C.C.C.

#### 1st Innings

A.G. Oxley	lbw	b McCreath	37
J.C. Mickleburgh		b Waterson	2
K.P. Young		b Waterson	93
F. Khushi	Not Out		120
B.D. Shepperson	c Hickey	b McCreath	9
M.A. Comber*	c McCabe	b McGee	24
J.A. Beaumont	c McCreath	b Hickey	19
T.W.W. Rash	c McCabe	b McGee	5
J.J. Cantrell	c Thompson	b McGee	1
J. Marston†	c Hickey	b McGee	11
O.S. Bocking	Run out (Waterson)		4
Extras 2b, 7lb, 1w, 6nb			16
Total (all out) 89.5 ov			341

#### 2nd Innings

c Richardson	b McGee	49
c & b	Waterson	30
c Richardson	b Tindale	23
Not Out		42
c Cant	b McGee	18
Did not bat		
Did not bat		
Did not bat		
(6) Not Out		26
Did not bat		
Did not bat		
Extras 12b, 4lb, 5w, 8nb		29
Total (4 wks) 50.1 ov		217

Fall: 7 62 196 213 266 297 302 306 322 341

Fall: 54 125 125 165

#### Bowling

	O	M	R	W
K. Waterson	26	10	73	2
S. Tindale	13	1	58	0
C. McCabe	7	0	30	0
F. McCreath	11	0	43	2
O. McGee	16	2	60	4
A. Hickey	16.5	1	68	1



*Feroze Khushi, who scored 162 runs for Suffolk without being dismissed in his two innings on debut versus Northumberland at Bury St Edmunds.*

Suffolk took a 104-run lead largely thanks to an undefeated 120 off 195 deliveries with 11 fours and two sixes from Khushi, who added 134 for the third wicket with Kyran Young, who contributed 93.

Northumberland rallied from 151-5 second time around to reach 317 all out, Jack Beaumont claiming the final three wickets to finish with 4-67.

Wicket-keeper Marston, who was called up the night before the game, took five catches and a stumping in the second innings to add to his three catches in the first innings.

That left Suffolk requiring 214 for victory off a minimum of 64 overs – a target they reached from the first ball of the 51<sup>st</sup> over thanks to solid contributions from all the top order.

After Ben Shepperson was dismissed off the last ball before tea, Khushi and Josh Cantrell combined to add a further 52 runs, with Khushi finishing 42 not out to see Suffolk home.

## OBITUARIES

### PAUL 'DIGGER' CRANE

ALTHOUGH a former Suffolk batsman, Paul 'Digger' Crane was best known as 'The Colonel' of the Ipswich Greyhound Regiment.

He started playing for Ipswich side Browns in 1956, captained the side in 1963 and was president at the time of the merger with Tattingstone in 2003 to form Ipswich Cricket Club.

He made his Minor Counties Championship debut in 1967, but only featured in one more match. But it was in his role as 'The Colonel' of the Ipswich Greyhound Regiment that he will be most fondly remembered.

The Greyhounds started as a team of players from other local clubs and began touring in 1955. It was on one of the early tours that 'Digger' became known as 'The Colonel' of the Regiment. The first tours were to Reigate in Surrey and then Kent and Sussex, before the Regiment undertook overseas manoeuvres as far afield as Australia, Barbados, India, Kenya, Malaysia, South Africa, Sri Lanka and South America.

One-time team-mate Rick Jones said: "His determination to play the game that he loved on every continent shows the utter dedication to play his wonderful game in the company of like-minded souls in his beloved regiment whenever possible and wherever they might be.

"It is a testament to his qualities as a person and a leader that he was able to do this for over fifty years."

Born in Ipswich on November 28<sup>th</sup> 1937, 'Digger' attended Northgate Grammar School, then worked briefly at Browns before National Service with the RAF.

He then joined Lloyds Bank in the Foreign Department where he worked until he took early retirement, before working for his friend Jonathan Crisp, who was Chairman of Colchester United FC, handling their accounts.

He passed away on January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 after contracting bronchopneumonia.

### GEOFF NEWMAN

GEOFF Newman was the driving force behind the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties Championship Seniors.

He started the Over-50s team along with Keith Croton back in 1987 and for the following 32 years was the leader of the Two Counties Seniors.

Geoffrey Roger Newman was born on March 9<sup>th</sup> 1933 in Chelmsford. He left Maldon Grammar School at 16 and went into the building trade to become a bricklayer, before starting his own business with close colleague George Levell.

He was very passionate about all sports, firstly table tennis and then cricket and was instrumental in setting up Maldon Table Tennis Club and Maldon Cricket Club, where he was first-team captain and then club captain.



Geoff then moved on to the Two Counties Over-50s, where he was captain and then as manager was instrumental in increasing the number of games played and teams including the introduction of the Over-60s and Over-70s.

He was held in high regard by all those who knew him and Seniors cricket would not be in the healthy position it is today without Geoff's hard work, commitment and enthusiasm over many years.

Two Counties Seniors player and league sponsor Mike Thew said: "Somehow things will never be quite the same again without Geoff. I hope we can all do our best to honour him however by building further on what he started, whether that be by helping within the organisation or just making ourselves available to play as often as possible and encouraging others to do likewise."

Geoff, who had four children, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, died in Broomfield Hospital on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### ALAN COCKSEGE

FORMER *East Anglian Daily Times* journalist Alan Cocksedge was a stalwart of Sudbury Cricket Club.

Alan, who passed away on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, was born in Cockfield in 1942, before moving to Sudbury at the age of six.

After attending Sudbury Secondary Modern School, where he captained the cricket team, Alan started work as a trainee reporter on the *Suffolk Free Press*, aged 16.

He played cricket for Sudbury Under-16s, and joined Sudbury Cricket Club after leaving school, turning out for the club for nearly 50 years.

At the age of 24 he moved across to the *EADT* in 1966 as chief reporter of the office in Sudbury, and worked for the company until his retirement 36 years later.

Alan discovered Sudbury Cricket Club was older than he imagined and wrote the club's history – *Cricketers of Sudbury* – to mark its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1987.

This was followed by his *Tales from the Dew Drop Inn* to celebrate the club's 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Alan, who battled cancer in his later years, leaves a wife, Carolyn, two daughters and two grandchildren.

### BOB PERRETT

BOB Perrett, who represented Suffolk Seniors at all three age groups, passed away on January 30<sup>th</sup> 2020, aged 79.

Born on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1940, Bob was an excellent all-round sportsman, who played for several cricket clubs, although principally for Ipswich & East Suffolk.

A bowling all-rounder, Bob retired from his profession as a head teacher aged 50 so that he could play the game that he loved more often.

He represented Suffolk at Over-50, Over-60 and Over-70 level, starting as a 49-year-old in 1989 and few, if any, in the country will have played more.

Perhaps the pinnacle of his playing career in his later years was his selection for England versus Wales – he was also picked to play for England against Australia but the match was rained off.

He leaves Margaret, his wife of 49 years, and two daughters.



# Facts and figures

Qualification: 100 runs/10 wickets/played in 2019

*c = cap awarded since 1934.*

Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av
c2008 MHS Adnan	28	48	8	2382	236*	59.55	312	9	34.66	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	23	36	5	719	57	23.19	1108	36	30.77	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	10	10	6	53	17*	13.25	942	38	24.78	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	12	19	8	437	68*	39.72	754	29	26.00	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 DA Ironside	12	21	4	417	125*	24.52	674	15	44.93
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	33	54	2	1410	194	27.11	1468	63	23.30	1972 DH Knights	24	45	2	762	120*	17.72	-	-	-
c1946 MD Corke	106	176	18	3405	163	21.55	184	1	184.00	2019 FIN Khushi	1	2	2	162	120*	-	4	0	-
1906 PP Cornell	22	41	10	248	35*	8.00	-	-	-	1904 HW Lake	8	13	4	165	59	18.33	-	-	-
1934 VJ Covill	6	9	0	113	34	12.55	264	10	26.40	1913 RD Lake	4	8	0	122	53	15.25	-	-	-
c1936 M Crannis	36	47	14	203	19	6.15	1799	70	25.70	1958 FG Lambert	6	11	0	235	69	21.36	-	-	-
1957 JG Crisp	3	2	1	0	0*	-	157	10	15.70	1907 AH Lang	11	18	2	409	60	25.56	-	-	-
c2006 M G Cull	64	120	10	3857	208*	35.06	100	1	100.00	1958 JDF Larter	4	1	1	0	0*	-	285	14	20.35
c1965 CJ Cunnell	59	105	15	1868	97*	20.75	2	1	2.00	1913 HM Lawrence	5	10	3	106	62*	15.14	423	16	26.43
c1960 RE Cunnell	167	262	56	5376	117*	26.09	5598	243	23.03	c1966 CR Layne	45	51	20	200	23*	6.45	3007	119	25.26
c1957 AG Cutter	16	22	5	198	46*	11.64	1016	41	24.78	c2004 NT Lee	28	48	7	1341	105	32.70	5	0	-
c1939 JV Daley	8	8	2	166	49	27.66	952	46	20.69	c1936 RC Leech	8	13	2	112	29	10.18	734	24	30.58
c1934 B Darvill	11	18	1	362	54	21.29	15	1	15.00	1992 S Leggett	7	6	4	9	8*	4.50	513	10	51.30
1938 HT Davy	7	10	2	184	87	23.00	-	-	-	1906 VJ Lewis	16	28	1	301	63	11.14	-	-	-
1905 RH Dewing	8	14	1	255	88*	19.61	-	-	-	1963 DJ Ling	27	45	6	677	88	17.35	685	20	34.25
1938 TH Digings	9	15	4	316	104	28.72	111	2	55.50	c1934 FH Lloyd	9	12	2	27	6	2.70	530	13	40.76
1979 RP Done	12	19	5	221	34*	15.78	848	29	29.24	c1934 CC Lockett	7	10	0	273	91	27.30	48	0	-
2017 HA Douglas	5	3	2	37	16*	37.00	421	20	21.05	1974 SRL Long	39	64	4	1197	98	19.95	18	0	-
c1950 PR Downing	46	66	12	861	74	15.94	772	32	24.12	1938 EW Lovegrove	8	10	1	167	43	18.55	-	-	-
c1946 W Duckham	45	72	9	1380	96	21.90	2481	126	19.69	1952 CWS Lubbock	9	12	0	127	49	10.58	502	17	29.52
2000 JP East	6	9	4	67	35	13.40	437	11	39.72	1963 RS Maddocks	13	18	4	107	15	7.64	771	28	27.53
c1991 RE East	17	20	5	229	48	15.26	516	13	39.69	2004 DE Malcolm	9	5	2	12	12	4.00	903	34	26.55
c1981 JW Edrich	47	88	7	1990	107*	24.56	227	4	56.75	c2011 AP Mansfield	34	49	8	904	70	22.04	-	-	-
2007 PD Edwards	12	14	4	195	37*	19.50	768	34	22.58	1980 MG Maranta	16	28	4	620	67	25.83	920	38	24.21
c1960 RJ English	82	137	12	2633	119	21.06	3081	134	22.99	2019 J. Marston	1	1	-						

Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av
2017 AG Oxley	9	15	1	428	124	30.57	4	0	-	1937 GWO Smith	14	26	0	312	45	12.00	-	-	-
1936 FE Pagan	7	13	0	127	29	9.76	-	-	-	2007 MJW Smith	12	9	3	115	29	19.16	1163	35	33.22
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	20	28	7	515	66	24.52	807	25	32.28	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 OH 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	47	81	13	1771	103*	26.04	2719	97	28.03	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	14	25	3	496	66	22.54	582	14	41.57	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	-	-	-
2019 P Sadler	1	-	-	-	-	-	32	0	-	c1957 WAD Whitfield	37	59	13	684	69	14.86	1958	80	24.47
2016 MET Salisbury	4	7	2	100	58*	20.00	425	15	28.33	c1994 KM Wijesuriya	42	76	9	2197	112	32.79	1384	30	46.13
c1936 JM Sangster	62	101	6	2006	144	21.11	86	1	86.00	c1955 BA Wilson	39	64	11	1046	107*	19.73	1057	42	25.16
2006 CP Schofield	5	8	1	367	92*	52.42	472	32	14.75	1905 CS Wilson	17	27	1	411	93	15.80	87	1	87.00
1963 ME Scrutton	11	22	4	489	55	27.16	158	7	22.57	1908 FTD Wilson	17	30	1	778	183	26.82	887	43	20.62
c1997 CP Seal	41	58	12	911	79*	19.80	1773	62	28.59	1905 HL Wilson	44	74	6	1568	131	23.05	527	16	32.93
1998 ACH Seymour	19	28	2	813	99	31.26	594	14	42.42	1904 FP Wood	14	25	2	283	38	12.30	142	3	47.33
1949 W Sharples	4	5	0	16	9	3.20	239	12	19.91	c1984 HJW Wright	32	49	14	650	86	18.57	1964	64	30.68
c1996 KG Shaw	38	48	10	533	40	14.02	1374	45	30.53	c1934 RC Wright	6	10	0	199	107	19.90	90	1	90.00
2012 BD Shepperson	25	43	1	1263	129	30.07	184	3	61.33	1904 HS Wrinch	8	14	1	251	70	19.30	28	1	28.00
1960 CP Simpson	15	22	2	264	47	13.20	157	2	78.50	1910 SH Wrinch	4	6	0	106	76	17.66	9	0	-
1954 AF Skinner	4	6	1	112	41	22.40	-	-	-	2017 KP Young	16	29	1	764	139	27.28	907	27	33.59
1936 AH Sleigh	5	10	0	121	32	12.10	6	1	6.00	1988 JJ Zagni	13	21	7	215	66*	15.35	638	13	49.07

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## MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1904 - 2019

Opponents	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
Bedfordshire	76	27	19	1	29
Berkshire	8	4	2	-	2
Buckinghamshire	70	22	21	-	27
Cambridgeshire	85	22	27	-	36
Cheshire*	1	-	-	-	1
Cumberland	31	9	4	-	18
Durham	11	2	4	-	5
Essex II	24	3	6	-	15
Hertfordshire	124	30	44	-	50
Lincolnshire	79	20	20	-	39
Middlesex II	15	1	5	-	9
Norfolk	121	36	25	-	60
Northumberland	30	11	10	-	9
Nottinghamshire II	4	-	3	-	1
Oxfordshire	4	-	3	-	1
Staffordshire	36	5	11	-	20
Surrey II	11	-	8	-	3
	<b>730</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>325</b>

\*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:	136*	Rash TWW/Cantrell JJ	Buckinghamshire	High Wycombe	2019
10th:	71	Bailey CC/Clift AC	Surrey II	Oval	1937
	71*	Steward JA/Hargreaves JM	Buckinghamshire	Stowe School	1972

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# Individual highlights provided by the batsmen

Team Manager VALDA MARKS reviews the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI season



Suffolk 2<sup>nd</sup> XI face the camera. Back row (left to right): Ben Harris, Tristan Blackledge, Alex Cruickshank, Oliver Riddick, Ryan Vickery, George Loyd, Andy Broome (scorer). Front row: Ben Parker, Jacob Marston, Josh Cantrell, Max Whittaker, Dan Carter. Missing from photograph: Matt Kent, Oliver Melville-Ross, James Baker, Josh Frame, Daniel Loveless, Max Dias, Billy Amas, Rufus Easdale, Jack Loveday.

THE 2019 season was a year of change for the Suffolk 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, with Essex taking over organisation of the revamped East of England Development Competition.

Coloured clothing and revised rules were introduced last summer, with further changes with a T20 competition due this year.

A pre-season warm up game in early June against the Suffolk Under-17 team at Woodbridge School highlighted strengths and weaknesses in both teams, but players from each team subsequently went on to play for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

The first game in the new-look competition resulted in a nine-wicket defeat to Norfolk at Manor Park on a drizzly last day of July.

Suffolk, who had five debutants playing in what was a very young and inexperienced team, were inserted by Norfolk on a decent wicket.

The Suffolk innings never really got going, Oliver Melville-Ross top-scoring with 34 and Max Whittaker made 31 with all other batters not getting anything substantial. Norfolk bowled well in patches, but we had lots of soft dismissals and were eventually bowled out for 137. Ben Panter, aged just 14, was the pick of the bowlers with 3-28.

Norfolk came in and made light work of their target, chasing it down in 16 overs with only wicket down. Sam Clabburn (78 not out off 49 balls) came in and smashed it to all parts from ball one. Suffolk had to bowl well with only a small target set but unfortunately bowled two sides of the wicket and too full.

The following day Suffolk lost to Cambridgeshire by 65 runs in their second match at Woolpit CC, where the facilities and lunches are always among favourites for the players.

Suffolk fielded first and bowled well in the opening 15 overs and had the opposition 60-3. Cambridgeshire then

built some decent partnerships. In the last eight overs the wheels came off for Suffolk as they went for 87 runs as Cambridgeshire scored 296-9. Pick of the bowlers was Dan Carter, who took 4-46 in his ten overs, while Max Dias (1-41) also bowled well in his allotted ten overs.

Suffolk seemed confident that they could chase the score down and Billy Amas hit his first three balls for four but then got out. Josh Frame batted particularly well and timed the ball sweetly until getting out for a well-played 53. He added 72 with Ryan Vickery, who made 66 before falling to another soft dismissal. We then had another middle-order collapse and were bowled out for 231 with Dan Loveless scoring 38 at the end in a lost cause.

Two weeks later we travelled to Ampthill to face Bedfordshire. Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat. James Baker, batting at No.3, made 107, with Matt Kent supporting with 62, but sadly no other batsmen found their form and Suffolk finished on 239-9 off their 50 overs.

Bedfordshire then had a solid batting performance and in a nail-biting finish won by one wicket off the penultimate ball of their innings. James Baker claimed 3-21 off 4.5 overs.

The fourth game was a week later at Woolpit against Essex. Again Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat. Suffolk scored 273 off their 50 overs, with Ryan Vickery scoring 116, and Jacob Marston supporting with 61.



Ryan Vickery after his 116 versus Essex in August.





*Jacob Marston, who scored 143 versus Huntingdonshire in August, pictured on debut in Suffolk's final Unicorns Championship match of the season versus Northumberland.*

The Essex batsmen were on form, scoring 275-4 off 45.4 overs, Ryan Vickery adding to his day by taking the wicket of their top scorer.

So to the last game at Copdock against Huntingdonshire in late August. Again Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat. That they scored 291-4 in 50 overs was largely down to a stunning batting performance by 18-year-old Jacob Marston, who batted for the whole innings and finished not out on 143.

This set up the whole team and they obtained their only win in the competition after bowling Huntingdonshire out

for 267 on the penultimate ball of the match.

That result meant Suffolk finished fifth out of the six teams, sandwiched between Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire on net run rate with one win apiece.

We managed to keep a fairly consistent squad only using 20 players, all of whom represented the county admirably. As always, grateful thanks go to Mel Phair for organising the umpires, Woolpit and Copdock for their hospitality, Andy Northcote, Elliot Tyler and Kemsley Robb for coaching, Andy Broome for scoring once again and EBM Papst for their continued generous sponsorship.

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# Unjust feeling at the end of an era for Ladies

ADAM POLLEY reviews the Suffolk Ladies' season



*Suffolk Ladies. Back row (left to right) Phil Smith, Adam Polley (Manager), Lauren Swinburne, Lizzie Shaw, Penny Everett, Olivia Locke, Sophie Harper, Ian Absolon (Director and Head Coach) and Mark Childs. Front row: Lottie Kent, Megan Garrod, Bethan Absolon, Amanda Polley (captain), Fliss Cleverley and Sophie Utteridge.*

*Photograph: Bill Byford*

PREPARATIONS for 2019 began as early as the previous September with the introduction of a 'Player's Charter' which sought to identify which of the existing and new players alike, were fully committed to new standards for inclusion in our representative squad. Once assembled, this squad trained well and with real purpose over the winter months, with the coaching staff commenting that it was the most intense and focussed ladies' training sessions they had been witness to. For several years now, the ECB have frustratingly scheduled all long-format cricket in May. The combination of damp wickets and lack of match-practice have proved naturally counter-productive to the high standards that we know the Ladies are capable of achieving. For the second year running, attempts to secure a much-needed warm-up with a neighbouring county fell foul to the rain. Once again, we would go into the first match 'cold' and with a group containing first-class and international competition, we were certain to find it challenging. And they weren't to come any harder than the first fixture.

Mildenhall Cricket Club played host to the Royal London Cup 50-over Division 3 Group B opener against Northamptonshire, a side with first-class resources and a Division 2 heritage, therefore justifiably considered 'odds-on' favourites to win this group. As ever, the

welcome by MCC was warm and the ground preparations were meticulous, but a damp start to the summer combined with cloud cover, meant conditions would be restrictive to run-scoring.

Northants won the toss and their experienced and skilled bowling unit wasted little time exploiting conditions to great effect, making survival – let alone great scoring - challenging. The discipline of the Northamptonshire bowlers was admirable, and the pressure on the Suffolk batters was relentless.

Despite spirited encouragement from team-mates whom braved the biting winds to sit at the boundary edge, the ladies succumbed to a disappointingly low total of just 73, with Fliss Cleverly and Lizzie Shaw the only batters to reach double figures.

The Suffolk Ladies took the field with the intent of taking something positive away from the game, but those hopes were quickly extinguished by the Northants openers, who brutally despatched a number of loose deliveries in the opening exchanges. Lacking some rhythm and consistency, the bowlers struggled to apply pressure for any consecutive period, as Northants romped to a nine-wicket victory in the 20<sup>th</sup> over, Cleverley taking 5-0-14-1.

The result was not surprising, but the nature of the defeat was a potentially damaging blow to the confidence of this



*Fliss Cleverley*

*Photograph: Bill Byford*



new-look Suffolk side, who would not sleep easy with the prospect of an equally tough encounter the following day against a young, but talented Hertfordshire side.

Although the mood of the Suffolk side had seemingly lifted the following morning, the temperature certainly had not, with excellent hot breakfasts from the kitchen of Copdock CC being the order of the day. A hard, pale and inviting surface was uncovered, and having won the toss, skipper Amanda Polley showed complete confidence in her batting unit, providing them the opportunity to redeem themselves. Copdock kindly erected a brand-new players' enclosure, and sheltering inside from bitter conditions, Suffolk looked on with some trepidation as a wicket fell in the very first over. However, Sophie Utteridge and Hannah Gordon (returning to the squad after an absence of a few years)

steadied those early nerves, sensibly and patiently compiling a partnership of 82, until Utteridge (27) departed in the 26<sup>th</sup> over. Unfortunately, in the very same over, Garrod stood disbelieving having seen a well-executed pull shot clasped one-handed by a startled Amy Price at shortish mid-wicket. Suffolk needed to reset and start again.

Gordon was joined by Polley and normality was slowly resumed as this experienced pair went about the recovery. Herts would make no further inroads in to the Suffolk order. As the confidence of this pair and the frustration of the Herts bowlers grew in equal measure, extras and boundaries were plentiful. Gordon (88no) and Polley (55no) set a Suffolk Ladies' record fourth-wicket partnership of 158, leaving Herts an imposing total of 242 to win.

Although buoyed by their efforts, Suffolk were under no illusions about how well they would have to bowl to defend their total. Their prospects were given a huge boost when the first very ball of the innings from Lizzie Shaw accounted for the formidable and in-form Gemma Marriott (Middlesex and Herts CC), caught brilliantly by Garrod at first slip.

As expected, the equally talented Kezia Hassall hung around, albeit with tempered stroke play as wickets fell steadily at the other end. When Hassall finally succumbed after bringing up her 50, strong resistance from the tail followed. A testing spell from senior debutant seamer Poppy Sidhu, with wickets falling to Lottie Kent in her second spell, brought the Herts innings to a close on 176-9, with Kent (10-0-29-2) and Lauren Swinburne (10-0-37-2) sharing four wickets in 65-run success.

The Ladies were afforded a short break to process the first weekend of action before heading north around the Norwich ring-road to face old-rivals Norfolk in the next 50-over encounter. Cromer CC hosted – a ground of unique character of which we had no previous experience. The slow start to the summer offered yet another dank occasion, with low-overhead cloud threatening drizzle at any time. Norfolk won an eagerly-awaited toss and, unsurprisingly,



*Megan Garrod*

*Photograph: Bill Byford*

elected to bowl on a 'green-top'. The ladies huddled on some park benches that separated the boundary edge with the road surface of Warnes Close and looked down on the predictably slow surface, offering plenty of lateral movement in the early exchanges.

The unwelcome trend of an early wicket was maintained as Suffolk found themselves 2-1 in the third over. This became 12-2 a short while after with seemingly every Norfolk delivery drawing gasps from those behind the bat. Hannah Gordon was greeted by Penny Everett making her welcome return to the side after a prolonged injury break. This experienced pair battled hard to blunt the new ball attack and then slowly began to take the attack to the hosts.

Normal order seemed restored when the 100 came up in the 27<sup>th</sup> over as the home support looked on with increasing anxiety. A dreadful mix-up

and run-out accounted for Gordon (33) but with Everett well set and plenty of wickets in hand, Suffolk were well placed for an above-par total in difficult conditions. However, what followed was scarcely believable as Suffolk contrived to throw-away this potentially match-winning position. With Everett's departure for an excellent 65, 109-4 very quickly became 151 all out in the 40<sup>th</sup> over, with the remainder of the line-up seemingly incapable of adapting to conditions. Suffolk had failed to bat their full allocation of overs and by some distance; something they had not done for several years. A delighted Norfolk could scarcely believe their fortune.

The home side, buoyed by the reprieve afforded them, batted positively and struck some nice shots early on. Suffolk looked rattled, out of kilter and unable to exert sufficient pressure in helpful conditions to produce early wickets. A solid opening stand of 57 was broken by Floss Cleverley to provide the visitors with a glimmer of hope. However, Hoyte hung around in support of the impressive Edge, who continued to bludgeon many wayward deliveries. The introduction of Bethany Quinton, making her senior debut, provided some excitement with the removal of Edge (42) and Hoyte (7) in the same over at 98-3, but Marchant (24) and Pringle (20) efficiently finished what had been started and with little drama. Norfolk were comfortably home by seven wickets and with more than ten overs spare, Quinton claiming 4-1-16-2.

This was quite a bitter pill to swallow for all associated with the team and not because of local bragging rights – more so the nature of the defeat. These sides have been very evenly matched for several seasons and so this result is seen as a barometer of our standing in any year, with Suffolk historically on top.

The final pair of 50-over fixtures this Bank Holiday first brought an opportunity to catch up with our good friends and loyal supporters at Long Melford CC. Our first encounter with Netherlands in 2015 had succumbed to rain

without a ball being bowled and so it was pleasing to be afforded another opportunity to host this international outfit. They were given an early warm-up as their team bus (on hire from Essex CCC) got stuck in St Catherine's Road, and they all had to disembark and carry their kit to the ground. Some friendly sledging from the passing vehicles of the hosts certainly set the tone for what would be an entertaining and eventful day.

As always, LMCC had taken care of every small detail to present the ground in all its glory, to the extent of including orange boundary markers to welcome the visitors. Both sides gathered for a round of photographs before the visitors won the toss and decided to bat first on a wicket that had yielded over 500 runs the day before.

An in-form Lauren Swinburne accounted for both openers as Netherlands found themselves 18-2 in the sixth over. Suffolk looked 'pumped' in the field and applied plenty of pressure on the third wicket pairing of Hannema and Siegers. They held firm before counter-punching with an array of attacking shots. Suffolk continued to battle hard on a flat pitch and maintained good energy in the field, but a further 170 runs were added before Siegers' brilliant innings of 92 was ended by the returning Swinburne.

Hannema was dismissed for an equally impressive 87, before Swinburne claimed her fourth wicket with the dismissal of Lynch (25) at 222-5 in the 40<sup>th</sup>. Suffolk sensed an opportunity to re-group and fight their way back into the match, but Rijke (47no) and Post (25no) had other ideas, the innings closing at an imposing 304-5, Swinburne ending with 10-0-54-4.

An unexpected downfall at tea delayed the second innings, but did nothing to dampen the hosts' spirits and seemingly undeterred by such an imposing total, they set out to play positively in reply. An excellent second-wicket partnership of 103 by Olivia Locke (29) and Everett (56) scored at a good tempo, provided plenty of encouragement for the remainder of the line-up, who continued to bat in the same vein. Absolon (33) and Polley (21) worked hard to maintain the run rate, but wickets would continue to fall, just ensuring Suffolk were never quite at parity. Garrod (20no) and Kent (16no) maintained this spirited effort to the very end, but Netherlands came out worthy winners by 63 runs as Suffolk closed on 241-6.

Though defeated, there were so many positives to take from this experience that it felt like a win! It really was a great spectacle for the county game, played with great spirit and no little skill. This was the second-highest aggregate total in the history of the county 50-over competition, and it was fitting this should take place at Long Melford.

The final 50-over encounter of the season was hosted by Cambridgeshire, but at the delightful Suffolk border-based venue of Exning and Burwell CC. Buoyed by their batting performance the previous day, Suffolk decided to bat first in the hope of continuing their most recent form.

Some early swing in humid conditions combined with a somewhat spongy surface, provided few attacking opportunities early on, with frustration giving way to a couple of soft dismissals at 13-2. When the patient Utteridge (17) departed soon after at 51-3, it was clear Suffolk would have to drastically re-evaluate the notion of achieving anything close to the lofty heights of the previous day.



*Captain Amanda Polley*

*Photograph: Bill Byford*

Tip-and-run became a necessary tactic and Garrod (39) diligently reigned in all her usual attacking instincts to establish a couple of useful partnerships with Polley and Cleverley. With the score at 128-6, Quinton (31) found some timing that belied the difficult conditions and struck some pleasing straight boundaries, lifting the Suffolk total to a very competitive 179-8 off 50 overs, in tough conditions.

As was seemingly customary for this summer, rain intervened, and on several occasions throughout the Cambridge reply a procession of covers-on, covers-off, made for a very bitty session of play. Suffolk were undoubtedly the happier of the two sides with runs on the board and knowing the focus of the Cambs batters was being frequently disrupted.

When passages of play were possible, the ever-reliable Routledge batted resolutely, but wickets fell at frequent intervals around her. Shaw and Cleverley bowled with great accuracy, generating lots of pressure for Swinburne and Quinton to capitalise at the opposite end, both of whom accounted for most of the top and middle order between them. The young Cambs all-rounder Westley succumbed to one particularly brilliant piece of cricket that gave the soggy visiting spectators reason to cheer. On receiving her first ball from Quinton following yet another rain-break, Westley could only punch a sharp, rising delivery off her nose for yet another brilliant catch at first slip by Garrod.

Suffolk were forced to wait for one final session of play before mopping up the remaining four wickets in the 40<sup>th</sup> over, with Cambs dismissed for 136 as Suffolk won by 43 runs. Lauren Swinburne (5-1-14-3) and Bethany Quinton (5-0-35-3) took three wickets apiece.

It was a tidy and satisfying finish to this challenging season of 50-over cricket, with Suffolk left to rue the performance at Cromer when seemingly in a strong position, as success there would have resulted in a probable third-place finish. A single week's rest and preparation were all that was afforded us before we descended into the drama of the Vitality Blast T20 double-header weekends!

The opening Division 3 Group B fixtures saw Suffolk host



Northamptonshire and Norfolk at Hadleigh CC.

**Northants 119-8** (Lizzie Shaw 3-0-24-3, Fliss Cleverley 4-0-18-2, Imogen Sidhu 4-0-19-2) beat **Suffolk 84-7** (Hannah Gordon 27) by 35 runs.

**Suffolk 102-5** (Amanda Polley 35) lost to **Norfolk 103-2** off 19.2 overs (Lizzie Shaw 4-0-12-1) by 8 wkts.

The squad responded well to the call for contrasting tactical change after such a short break from long-format cricket. Northants were challenged in a way few others would match in this series, and certainly taken by surprise by our batters' attacking intent early-on. A huge thank you to Hadleigh CC for their outstanding hospitality, support and attention to detail on the day...once again setting a standard for all other host counties to aspire to.

Suffolk then travelled to Tring Park CC in Hertfordshire to face Buckinghamshire and Norfolk.

**Buckinghamshire 69-6** (Lottie Kent 4-0-8-2) beat **Suffolk 52** off 17.2 overs by 17 runs.

**Suffolk 101** (Megan Garrod 26, Penny Everett 25) beat **Norfolk 82** off 19.3 overs (Eloise Long 2-0-13-3, Lottie Kent 3-0-9-2) by 19 runs.

Heavy overnight rain did nothing to support attacking cricket once play got underway. Suffolk learnt this lesson too late to impact on the first result but adapted tactically to run Norfolk ragged in the second encounter, with a perfect demonstration of how to bat on soft pitches.

Suffolk then met Hertfordshire and Lincolnshire at Spalding CC.

**Suffolk 85-7** lost to **Hertfordshire 87-4** off 16.4 overs (Poppy Sidhu 3-0-14-1) by 6 wkts.

**Suffolk 74-9** lost to **Lincolnshire 75-6** off 16.5 overs (Penny Everett 4-1-11-3, Lizzie Shaw 4-0-12-2) by 4 wkts.

A somewhat demoralising day, largely because we had seemingly regressed tactically from all previous performances. A lack of energy and that sense of tiredness that we had battled hard to keep at bay seemed in evidence all day.

It was then on to Sprowston CC in Norfolk to tackle Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire.

**Suffolk 54** off 16.1 overs lost to **Cambridgeshire 55-3** off 12.1 overs by 7 wkts.

**Suffolk 158-1** (Olivia Locke 93no, Sophie Utteridge 31) beat **Lincolnshire 120-6** (Fliss Cleverley 3-0-18-2) by 38 runs.

A day of contrast – first, an inept batting performance followed by a brilliant one. Olivia Locke established a Suffolk Ladies' record for the highest individual score in T20 cricket. A pleasing end to a demanding, consecutive four-week block of double-headers.

Although this format is not favoured by the majority of our squad, they stuck at it well and were rewarded with that perfect performance to finish. A big thank you to Rob Southall and Doug Frame for their invaluable support throughout these weekends.

It is with regret that we conclude this report on a sombre note but at the time of writing, the ECB have decided to dispense with the current format of Women's County Cricket and replace it with a franchise competition instead. What little we know at this time is that the current Suffolk squad could be competing with as many as nine other regional counties for squad positions, in a single, 'Eastern' franchise outfit. Any residual, central funding will be used

to encourage the growth of ladies' club cricket around the country – something Suffolk already benefits from courtesy of the Two Counties Ladies' Challenge and T20 Divisions.

It would seem we have the blueprint of what the ECB are hoping to achieve in other counties and therefore it feels rather unjust that the participants will effectively be denied the prospect of playing senior representative cricket for their county. That's progress, apparently!

A very large number of players, coaches, supporters, clubs, board members, scorers, umpires, sponsors and administrators have played their part in the growth of the ladies' county team, and consequently, its

considerable successes in recent years. This would include most notably the ladies' most successful captains – namely Vicky Mitchell and Amanda Polley. Their dedication, high-standards and professionalism transcended the team as natural leaders. Ian Absolon, as Director of Women's and Girls' Cricket and Head Coach of the Ladies, has dedicated a sizeable chunk of his life nurturing a progression in the squad that seemed improbable when the side was first established all those years ago. To Alan Rogers, who has cycled many a mile or shared many car journeys to score for the ladies. To Pidge, Andy, Dibbsy, Rob, Jol, Matt and Eddie who turned out through the winter and coached with great enthusiasm.

To our host clubs who included amongst others: Bury St Edmunds, Copdock, East Bergholt, Easton, Elveden, Ipswich, Hadleigh, Mildenhall, Stowmarket, Woolpit and, of course, the incredible team at Long Melford CC. I can say in all sincerity to each of you that your warmth, hospitality, facilities and attention to detail was rarely matched on our travels. To our most recent sponsors – Martin Holland of Christchurch Property and now Muntons Plc, both of whom supported the team with great generosity and encouragement.

Lastly, and possibly most importantly, a big thank you to all of the players past and present who competed with pride and provided Martin, Ian and I with some of our best cricketing memories – the praise is yours alone. Maroon, Black and Gold, always.



*Olivia Locke*

*Photograph: Bill Byford*

## Q & A with women's cricket stalwart Ian Absolon

*The 2019 season marked the end of an era for women's cricket in Suffolk and for Ian Absolon, who has been a driving force behind the women's game in the county. Ian, who is now 60, took up his first coaching role in Suffolk with the Boys' Under-12s squad in 2001, and has coached a county squad every year since. Nick Garnham asks the questions...*

***How did you first get involved with Suffolk women's cricket?***

Michael Kay (cricket development officer) started girls' county cricket and my daughter was in the first squad. The coach originally running the squad backed out and Michael asked me to look after the season thereafter. On the back of that involvement I started attending the women's meetings then run by Gill Denny. I have carried on ever since, picking up the role of Director of Women's & Girls' Cricket along the way.

***How much do you consider Suffolk as a team have progressed during that time?***

The improvement in the standard of the Suffolk county team has been immense, along with the commensurate rise in the standard of club cricket. Usually the most a coach can do is make an improvement of say 10 per cent, in terms of an overall assessment the improvement has been well over 75 per cent.

***And how much stronger is girls' and women's cricket across the county than when you started?***

This follows on from above, undoubtedly the whole county strength is vastly improved since we started. There were no girls' teams at all at the time, all girls had to play in boys' junior teams. The Two Counties Championship just had the Ladies' Challenge as a single league, now we have multiple divisions with a huge number of women playing the game.

***Is there one player who has been the stand-out performer for Suffolk during your time?***

Easily the best player I coached through the women's game was Penny Everett, at her best the fastest women's bowler on the circuit, all the shots when batting and a gun throw.

***If you had to pick out one memorable moment what would it be?***

Undoubtedly the best moment was being promoted to the then Division Three, everyone had worked tremendously hard over a number of years to achieve that from a zero starting point and I have to thank all the coaches and managers, especially Adam Polley who needs a mention as his help has been invaluable.

***What is your greatest achievement during your time involved with Suffolk women's cricket?***

I think the greatest achievement is helping get a really strong county set up for women. I think Suffolk is unique in the strength of the women's leagues and the number of women playing some form of league cricket, I'm very proud



*Ian Absolon pictured with Sir Garfield Sobers after the former West Indian all-rounder opened Worlingworth Cricket Club's new pavilion in the summer of 2011*

to have helped that process.

***What has given you most enjoyment during that time?***

Easily seeing the improvement of the players I have coached and the enjoyment they have had from it.

***Do you think the new regional set-up for women's cricket is going to help or hinder the progress of Suffolk players?***

I do think it's a good way forward as long as the regional centres work properly in getting the best talent together. I'm excited that there may be a regional league for our best players to compete in as I think that will help strengthen the rest of the county competitions.

***Will you stay involved in girls' and women's cricket in some capacity?***

I really enjoy one-to-one coaching so I would hope to help in that sort of capacity and having been involved as mentioned above it would be nice to stay involved in some way.



*Ian Absolon pictured coaching the Suffolk Boys' Under-11s team.*



# Successful season for Seniors, but no silverware

*Suffolk Seniors report by ALAN ROGERS*

IT IS pleasing to report a successful season for the Seniors, with four teams featuring in play-off matches and an improved performance from the fifth. All that was missing was getting hands on a trophy.

The National Over-60s/70s introduced a new format for 2019, with the top two teams in each regional group going through to the play-offs. Rather than knock out rounds there were two mini-leagues with a north/east and a south/west split.

The winners of those mini-leagues would then contest the final. For the teams finishing third and fourth in their regional groups there would be a similar structure for the Vase competition. There was a damp start for the Over-70s with the long trip away to Berkshire cancelled due to poor weather. Later in the season, Berkshire's visit to Suffolk also fell foul to the weather.

Suffolk were pleased with the start against Essex, with Doug Andrews, Neil Hames, plus a 50 from Ray Black getting the score to 141-3, before a collapse to 157-8 from their 40 overs. Tidy bowling made Essex work for their victory, needing all of their overs to secure a four-wicket win, despite Alan Burt's 2-25. The away tie was not so close, with Essex comfortably chasing down the Suffolk total of 122-7, with eight wickets and eight overs in hand. Graham Penny's 39 was the top performance on the day.

Against Norfolk, both matches were won by the home side. An Ian Parkin century for Norfolk enabled the home team to rack up 244-4 at Mundford. Despite more runs from Andrews, Hames and Black, a lack of runs from the middle order saw Suffolk finish on 216-8, just 28 runs shy of the target.

It was a different story at Felixstowe, where Hames (81) and Penny (51) put on 107 for the second wicket in a Suffolk total of 221-3. Whilst Martin Pearse was accumulating his century at one end, Rob Jenkin (4-23) and Hames (3-41) were destroying any chance of a Norfolk win at the other. Norfolk were 162 all out and Suffolk secured their second win of the season.

The first win came against a combined Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Ridings XI at Woolpit. The away team's 179-6 was no match against Penny's 60 not out and Jenkin's 57 not out as Suffolk cruised to an eight-wicket win. Sadly, the away tie was conceded. This meant that a record of two wins, four defeats, and two rain-offs left Suffolk in fourth place in the



*Suffolk Over-60s pictured at Loughton before the Vase final. Back row (left to right): Derrick Messent, Steve Bloomfield, Nick Meakin, Kevin Ross, John Morgan, Ken Jones, Alan Rogers (scorer). Front row: Simon Halliday, Kevin Dobson, Colin Walters (captain) John Stuck (umpire), Neil Hames, Peter Webb.*

East group, thus qualifying for the Vase competition.

The weather was not that kind for the Vase matches, with the Warwickshire match cancelled and rain hampering Suffolk in their match against Surrey. Bruce Tompkins (2-29) and Peter Christie (1-27) did their best to restrict Surrey, but the other bowlers suffered, Surrey ending their 45-over innings on 223-7. With the intervention of rain, Suffolk were given a revised target of 194 from 39 overs. This proved far too stiff a target as Suffolk crashed to a heavy 69-run defeat, Hames top-scoring with 34 out of a lowly 124 all out.

Playing Wales at the neutral venue of Reading, there followed another heavy defeat. Suffolk's 116 all out was never going to be enough as Wales easily reached the target in the 28<sup>th</sup> over for the loss of two wickets.

Lincs & Yorkshire Ridings suffered their second defeat at the hands of Suffolk, although this proved to be Suffolk's only win in the Vase – 163-6 proved an ample target as Lincs & Yorkshire Ridings crashed to 120 all out, with Mark Sargeant claiming 4-28.

Having beaten Hertfordshire in a friendly earlier in the season, the tables were turned as they inflicted an eight-wicket win in chasing the Suffolk score of 168-7. For Suffolk, Andrews (61) and Penny (59) had added 127 for the second wicket.

With the addition of some new faces to the squad, the Over-60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI were hoping to shake off the 'last-over-itis' that put a dampener on the previous year's campaign. Against Northants away in the first match it was new boy Nick Meakin, with a hard-hitting 78, who set up a total of 213-7. Northants were looking down and out until a partnership of 47 for the eighth wicket got them to 208 needing just six runs from the last over. Remarkably, Dave Hinchcliffe bowled four dot balls and then had the home captain lbw on the fifth ball. With just a single off the last ball, Suffolk had

somehow squeezed home.

Northants brought rain with them on their visit to Suffolk and so the match was reduced to 35 overs per team. A good all-round bowling performance by Suffolk left Northants struggling on 106-8 at tea, with two wickets apiece for Jenkin and Hames. Alas, the batting left a lot to be desired as Hinchcliffe, with 31, top-scored as Suffolk were skittled out for 99.

For the first time in a number of years, Norfolk did the double over Suffolk. At Copdock, Suffolk failed to make the best use of a good batting track, recording 201 from the allotted 45 overs, Kevin Dobson top-scoring with 61. It was a case of chances missed as a Robin Yates century powered Norfolk to an eight-wicket win.

Dobson was in the runs again at Old Buckenham. His 105 from 123 balls helped Suffolk to 204-6, although there was a feeling that this was another under-par score. With rain intervening Norfolk were left with a modest target of 91 from 20 overs. At 100-1, they had comfortably exceeded their target from the required 20 overs before heavy rain prevented any further play.

There was no rain at Woodhall Spa for the Lincolnshire match, just the noise from the jets at RAF Coningsby. Batting first, Lincolnshire helped themselves to a pile of runs, a Neil Calvert century leading the way with many of his runs coming across a short boundary on the far side of the ground. A total of 273-4 was a big target to chase. Ken Jones (41) and Colin Walters (40) almost got Suffolk to within striking distance, but two run outs at crucial times cost Suffolk dearly. At 247-8 Suffolk were just 26 runs away.

On their visit to Suffolk, Lincolnshire were without the injured Calvert which clearly weakened their line-up. With rain forecast for that evening, Suffolk decided to bowl first and restricted the visitors to 178-6 from 40 overs. Peter Webb took the bowling honours with 4-52 from eight overs. Walters (75) got the reply off to a good start, but upon his dismissal at 132 the scoring rate slowed remarkably. It took a quickfire 34 not out from Dobson to secure the win with just two balls to spare.

Rain seemed to be following Suffolk for their Tuesday matches as Cambridgeshire at Clay Hall finished as an abandoned match. Miserly opening spells from Hinchcliffe and Jones plus two wickets from John Nicoll had helped to keep Cambs to 153-5 from a match that had already been reduced to 40 overs-per-side.

Rain prevented the immediate start after tea and with time lost, Suffolk had a revised target of 77 from 20 overs. At 33-1 in the seventh over further rain made conditions unplayable, thus enforcing the abandonment.

The return leg at March looked to be going Suffolk's way. Although Cambs opening bat Nick Lloyd hit a useful 68, the Suffolk bowlers worked hard to keep the run-rate under control. However, an unbeaten seventh-wicket partnership of 43 from the last half-a-dozen overs proved decisive as Cambs closed on 218-6.

Simon Halliday's 85 anchored the reply following the loss of early wickets. Partnerships of 58 with Dobson (34) and 93 with Jones (54 not out) almost gained Suffolk a win, but ultimately the loss of key wickets proved fatal, the final total being 211-6.

There was more rain at Mildenhall for the visit of

Bedfordshire. Suffolk were asked to bat first and made a very respectable 196-5 from 39 overs. Another half century from captain Walters plus a fine 73 not out from John Gallant bolstered the innings. A forceful innings of 76 from Beds No.3 Kenny Davis inspired the visitors to a four-wicket win with 2.2 overs in hand. There were two wickets for Jenkin and another miserly spell from Hinchcliffe of 0-22 from eight overs.

So to Eversholt for the final group match and only a Suffolk win against Bedfordshire would be good enough to qualify for the Vase competition. The day did not begin well with the pavilion and scoreboard not being unlocked until a few minutes before the scheduled start time. Worse followed as the umpires and captains agreed that the prepared wicket was dangerous and so it was agreed to play the match on a used wicket. Suffolk won the toss and chose to bat. At 35-5 this did not look like a good decision. Captain Walters, unusually batting at No.7, shared a partnership of 62 with wicket-keeper Steve Bloomfield (28) and then 74 with Jones (40 not out) to get the innings back on track as Suffolk reached 191-8 at tea.

It was a good toss to win as Beds struggled to 47-4, including the loss of dangerman Kenny Davis. Whilst No.5 Russell Jones (62 not out) held the middle order together, three wickets each for Jones and Kevin Ross guided Suffolk to a crucial 12-run victory. This secured fourth place in the group table and a place in the Vase competition.

Bury St Edmunds played host to the first of the Vase matches, the visitors being Yorkshire Ridings. Batting first, Suffolk were reliant on Halliday's 90 not out and 49 from Jones, batting at No.8, to record 206-7. Defeat looked ominous as the opening pair added 103 for the first wicket in fairly quick time. Despite the loss of a second wicket a few overs later, Yorkshire completed their run chase with two overs in hand and without losing any more wickets, Ross claiming both wickets.

There was yet more rain as Suffolk travelled to Northants. With conditions looking bleak, it was decided to play a T20 fixture as soon as the rain became manageable. Northants won the toss and surprisingly opted to bat first. Two wickets for Hames in a good bowling and fielding display restricted the hosts to 118-5. In contrast, Walters (44 not out) and Dobson (71 not out) blasted Suffolk to a ten-wicket win using less than 16 of the allotted 20 overs.

For once Walters lost the toss against Derbyshire and Suffolk were invited to bat. Walters (77) and Gallant (50) gave Suffolk a good start but, as in some of the earlier matches, the middle order failed to capitalise as Suffolk posted 225-9. Derbyshire lost an early wicket but then a century partnership between captain Dave Tee (49) and Alistair Stevens (66) gave the visitors much to cheer about. However, John Morgan (3-34) and Hames (2-32) swung the match in Suffolk's favour as Ross also chipped in with two wickets to leave Derbyshire 24 runs short on 201-8.

The following week Worcestershire were the opposition at the neutral venue of Fenner's. Suffolk, having won the toss, soon piled on the runs, making the most of the excellent facilities. Halliday (84 not out), Hames (61) and a vital 58 off 31 balls from Meakin pushed the total to 262-3 from 45 overs.

In reply, Worcester had got to 183-6 without really



challenging the required run rate. That was until No.7 Brian Pearsall struck 55 not out from 45 balls to lift their total to 233-8. There were two wickets each for Tony Penman, Jones and Hames.

Thanks to the vagaries of this new format, Suffolk needed to travel to Cheshire and to win in order to qualify for the final, having been the only county in the group to play every game. Suffolk won the toss and asked Cheshire to bat. Cheshire got off to a good start and at 147-3 looked to be heading for a very large total. However, they were pegged back to 204-7 by 4-46 from Hames and 2-33 from Peter Webb. Suffolk got off to the worst possible start, slumping to 9-3 and with Walters having to retire injured. However, the innings was rescued by a superb 152-run partnership between Dobson (96) and Ross (55). Walters returned at 176-5 and proceeded to smash a rapid 22 to bring Suffolk to the brink of victory. The coup de grace was provided by Bloomfield.

It was ironic that having spent much of the season dodging raindrops, the vase final at Loughton CC in Essex against Kent, was played out on just about the hottest day of the year. Kent are one of the best Over-60s counties in the country and they showed some of their best form on a good batting track. Chris Swadkin (70) and Chris Trevatt (114) piled on 145 for the first wicket, but there was little respite or reward for bowlers as No.4 Jim Phillips added 74 not out in quick time. Suffolk's fielders were visibly wilting in the heat as Kent amassed 322-5, Ross taking the least punishment with 1-41 from nine overs. Dave Crompton's opening burst of 4-7 ripped the heart out of the Suffolk batting from which there would be no miraculous turnaround. Suffolk were devastated to have been bowled out for 85 and only Halliday's 21 offered much in the way of resistance.

After a couple of pre-season friendlies, the Over-60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI kicked off the National competition with a match against Cambridgeshire at Clay Hall. Having lost the toss, Suffolk were asked to bat first. Useful contributions from Peter Lack (59) and Steve Bulger (45) helped Suffolk to a somewhat below-par score of 167-7. Although Suffolk only captured three Cambs wickets, the visitors only had ten balls to spare, Ashley Brown's 66 at No.3 being the catalyst for victory.

Clay Hall was also the venue for the visit of Bedfordshire. Winning the toss helped as Suffolk bowled first and restricted Beds to 129-7 from 45 overs. There were two wickets each for Graham Deere, Kevin Boardman and Jeff Lewis. Lack was once again in the runs as his 64 not out was enough for Suffolk to gain a four-wicket win.

The Essex bowlers were in a mean mood as Suffolk struggled to reach 92-9 off their 45 overs at Melton St Audry's. Alan Burt's 3-14 from nine overs was a good performance, but not good enough to prevent Essex from recording a comfortable win.

With two defeats and just one win, Suffolk were quite fortunate that the match in Norfolk was rained off when the hosts were in a dominant position at 158-0 after 31 overs, Brynley Clarke (62 not out) and Geoff Roper (86 not out) getting the runs. Rain completely put paid to the visit to Cambridgeshire which in turn put a dent in the chances of reaching the play-offs.

Suffolk got back on track on the road at Potton in

Bedfordshire. Beds had no answer to the bowling of Deere (5-19) and Malcolm Grubb (3-16) as they could only muster 81 all out, the last wicket falling in the last over. Captain Ray Black (53 not out) ensured a comfortable win with more than 20 overs in hand having lost just three wickets.

At Halstead, Suffolk gained revenge over an Essex XI destined to finish top of the group. Essex, batting first, scored 184-8, but they were severely restricted by Jenkin's 5-44. Black (39) and Grubb (36 not out) top-scored and were ably assisted by the Essex bowlers who conceded 28 in wides. A good three-wicket win for Suffolk with two overs in hand.

Back to Clay Hall and victory over Norfolk rewarded Suffolk with second place in the group and a place in the main play-offs. Norfolk were on the back foot from the start following Grubb's remarkable opening spell of 2-6 from nine overs. Mike Tooke's 75 helped the visitors up to 162-5 at tea. Gerry Artindale (38) and Jenkin (36 not out) provided the backbone of the innings with the target being reached with just three balls to spare and three wickets in hand.

The play-off group did not fully go to plan with only two of the five matches going ahead. Matches against Warwickshire and Wales fell foul to the weather, while a neutral venue could not be found for the Lancashire match. Shropshire had made the long journey to Clay Hall for the first of the play-off matches, but returned home with little cheer. A splendid 85 not out from Peter Boughton helped Suffolk to reach 234-7 at tea. In reply, Shropshire lost their first three wickets to Alan Burt (3-33) while Grubb (2-34) helped to keep the middle order in check. By the close, the visitors had reached 182-6.

Essex regained the upper hand in the final match at Halstead. A century partnership for the third wicket between Graham Stock (70) and Nigel Bloch (67 not out) helped create a match-winning total of 254-4. Having struggled to 91-5, Suffolk's tailenders collapsed to the bowling of John Elliott (5-15), having taken 41 overs to reach 135 all out.

The Over-50s ECB XI continued their run of qualifying for the national play-offs, although qualification came by the narrowest of margins. The campaign started off with the long trip up to Skegness to play Lincolnshire.

Batting first, Suffolk were racing away at almost eight runs per over with skipper, Arthur Wormington, being particularly severe on any loose deliveries. Although Wormington (31) was soon out, there was no respite for the bowlers as Sean Cooper (87) and Andrew Squire (112) added 163 for the second wicket. Squire's century came in the company of Adrian Stockton as the Suffolk total ended up at 306-8.

A devastated Lincs XI could only manage a meagre 113 all out, the end coming in the 41<sup>st</sup> over. Their only bright spark in the day came from Gordon Lane, who followed up his 3-52 by top-scoring with 37. Cooper was virtually unplayable, taking 3-7 off 6.1 overs, with Andrew Simmons' spinners taking 3-22.

Norfolk offered more resistance at Sudbury the following week, but the end result was the same. Batting first, Norfolk scored 160-9 off their 45 overs and were indebted to wicket-keeper Alan Lithins' patient 44. There were three wickets each for Ian Knight and Simmons.

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# New era brings promise of exciting summer for Suffolk cricket

IT'S all change for Suffolk ahead of the 2020 season. Nick Garnham reports

TO SAY it is the start of a new era for Suffolk cricket would be something of an understatement.

Suffolk will start the 2020 season with a new captain, new professional, new chairman and also playing in a new competition!

Following the decision of Adam Mansfield to stand down as both white-ball and red-ball captain at different times last season, the appointment of a new captain was a priority.

Step forward Copdock & Old Ipswichian all-rounder Jack Beaumont, who has accepted the role of white-ball skipper. The 24-year-old, who spent the winter in Australia as player-coach for Ashwood CC in the Eastern Cricket Association in Melbourne, said he was initially surprised but humbled to be offered the role.

"I always thought that it is a role I could take on, however I never thought I would actually get the opportunity to try.



Jack Beaumont, who will skipper Suffolk's white-ball side during the 2020 season.

Hopefully everyone will get behind me and help me grow into the role and with this I am sure we will succeed as a county and that will show in our performances," he said. Jack praised his predecessor and said he believes there is enough talent in the county for Suffolk to become a force in white-ball cricket.

He stated: "I believe we have the ability and talent in our county to be consistent white-ball cricket performers for many years to come.

"I think Adam has done a brilliant job over the last few years, creating that culture where all the boys work hard and fight for each other in each aspect of the game.

"That's something I really want to continue with and hopefully this also gives the opportunity for a slightly different approach on the field and can get us back to winning ways in white-ball cricket."

A key component of Suffolk's white-ball side will be new professional Neil Dexter, the South African-born former Kent, Middlesex and Leicestershire all-rounder.

Suffolk moved swiftly to sign the 35-year-old following his release by Leicestershire at the end of last season, after it became clear that Jaik Mickleburgh would be unable to commit to playing in the first half of the 2020 campaign.

Neil was overseas professional at Sudbury CC in 2004, before launching a first-class career that spanned 162 matches in which he scored 8,316 runs at an average of 34.65 and claimed 169 wickets at 34.39.

He played 108 List A matches, scoring 2,070 runs at 29.57 and taking 48 wickets at 48.25, while in T20 cricket he appeared in 134 matches, scoring 1,879 runs at 19.77 and bagging 66 victims at 28.69.

Neil, who will play his club cricket at Birmingham Premier League side Knowle & Dorridge CC, described his season at Sudbury as "one of the best years of my life" and so it wasn't a difficult decision to sign for Suffolk.

"I feel my best years of cricket are still ahead of me. I have

*'It has been an honour and a privilege'*



Norman Atkins,standing down after serving as chairman for 25 years.



Left: Neil Dexter, who has signed as Suffolk's white-ball professional for the 2020 season.

went on to make 69 Minor Counties Championship appearances for the county – and is still playing for the Over-50s side.

Andrew, who still plays for Mildenhall CC and also coaches the county's under-17 side, said: "It means a lot to me and I see it as a great privilege and honour. I have some big shoes to fill as Norman's successor and I know I have a lot to live up to.

been staying on top of my fitness and my body feels really good, so hopefully I can contribute in a big way when the time comes," he added.

No decision had been made on who would skipper Suffolk in red-ball cricket and the county were waiting for ex-Essex batsman Mickleburgh to confirm his availability as a professional in the longer format when this year's handbook went to press.

After 25 years as county chairman Norman Atkins, who underwent heart surgery last September, has handed over the reins to former Suffolk batsman Andrew Squire.

After first playing for Suffolk Schools' Under-13s, Andrew

*'I will be around Suffolk and local leagues'*



Andrew Squire, who is the new Chairman of Suffolk County Cricket Club.

"With over 40 years being involved as a player and coach, I would like to think I have plenty of experience on how Suffolk cricket goes about its business.

"I would like to think I will be visible and approachable around the Suffolk cricket and local league circuit during the season."

Norman said: "It has been an honour and a privilege to do the job as chairman of the past 25 years.

"The highlights of my tenure were winning the Eastern Division of the Minor Counties Championship in 2005 and then the MCCA KO Trophy at Lord's two years later."

Suffolk CCC Secretary Toby Pound paid tribute to Norman at the county's AGM when he said: "It would take a long time to describe all the jobs Norman has carried out as chairman but he has been closely involved in arranging fixtures, venues, catering, sponsorship, handbook production, fixture cards as well as chairing every county cricket meeting for the whole of that period and being the face of Suffolk cricket, well known throughout the county. "Fitting this all in on top of being secretary of St Margarets (since the early 1960s) and chairman of the Two Counties for nearly 30 years, is a monumental achievement."

The 2020 season will see Suffolk embark on their inaugural National Counties Cricket Association campaign, after the Minor Counties Championship's rebranding.

Suffolk will be competing in Division One East alongside Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Staffordshire, following the county's fifth-placed finish last season.

Add in the ECB 50-over showcase fixture versus Kent at Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and it promises to be an exciting summer ahead for followers of Suffolk cricket.





*Suffolk Over-50s pictured at Copdock. Back row (left to right): Tony Locke, Marcus West, Derek Bloomfield, Karl Storey, Lawrence Hall, Tan Shahid, Alan Rogers (scorer). Front row: Andy Burgess, Eric Davy (captain), Steve Smith, Steven Tampion, Chris Cook.*

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Cooper was again in good touch with the bat and his 71 not out took in partnerships of 59 with Jeff Hurrell (25) and 83 with Adrian Stockton (34 not out) which made for a comfortable eight-wicket win.

Suffolk's charge to the play-offs was halted by persistent rain at Horton House CC in Northants. Having batted through almost constant drizzle for 33 overs, the umpires called the match off after an extended tea break. Wormington (67) and Cooper (69) had flayed some wayward bowling for a century opening partnership and with Hurrell's 36 not out before drizzle turned to rain, Suffolk were confident that their 219 off 33 overs would not be beaten.

With more rain and a couple of blank Wednesdays, the Over-50s did not take to the field until the first week in July. The problem with rain-offs is that matches have to be played on unscheduled dates when perhaps it is not possible to select your strongest team.

After the long break Suffolk's next opponents were Hunts with the match being played at Mildenhall. On winning the toss Suffolk chose to bat. This was not the fluent performance that had become the norm and wickets tumbled at regular intervals. Fortunately, Squire (68) stood resolute until he was sixth man out with the score on 161.

The danger of a below-par score was averted by an eighth-wicket partnership between Simmons (27 not out) and John Maynard (31) as Suffolk posted 225-9 at tea.

The Hunts No.3 was also on good form and, like Squire, he was holding the innings together while the wickets tumbled at the other end. Suffolk were more than happy to see him back in the pavilion having scored 98 and the scoreboard reading 185-5. Fortunately, Cooper 3-27 and Bill Byford 3-43 cleaned out the tail to give Suffolk an important win, the last wicket going down on the last ball of the 44<sup>th</sup> over.

Cambridgeshire were next to visit Suffolk with the match being staged at Bury St Edmunds. Cambs won the toss and

elected to bat, which at 93-7 looked the wrong call. However, the visiting captain, Nigel Gadsby, started to hit out to good effect. A further 75 was added for the eighth wicket and by the end of the 45<sup>th</sup> over, Cambs had scored 206-9.

From 60-1, 122-2 and 132-3 Suffolk looked to be heading for a comfortable success. With Cooper's dismissal for 72 at 151-4 panic seemed to set in and the threat of a defeat was looming large. However, the tail end battled through with victory being achieved with eight wickets down and just two balls to spare. Wicket-keeper Rob Smyth was all padded up and ready to bat even though he had just returned from hospital having dislocated a finger during the first innings. Suffolk travelled to Bedfordshire on a Friday needing another win to ensure qualification for the National play-offs. Another grey day with rain and more rain forecast. Unsurprisingly, when Bedfordshire won the toss Suffolk were invited to bat. Suffolk were two down for ten runs before the innings was rescued by a partnership of 118 between Cooper (75) and Adrian Stockton with 54. At the end of the reduced allotment of 35 overs, Suffolk had scored 172-8. Byford claimed two early wickets before rain forced the match to be abandoned with Beds 46-2 after 11.3 overs. Just one point was claimed as it was not possible to reschedule the match.

The final group match against Leicestershire was played on the Sunday following the Bedfordshire match, with the outcome deciding which teams would qualify, Suffolk obviously desperate for a win. Craig Wilson, the home No.4, had other ideas as he hit a belligerent 85 from 68 balls before he was eighth man out with the score on 213. Cooper's 3-22 had helped Suffolk keep the hosts down to 218-9 from their 45 overs.

Cooper (42) impressed with the bat again, but the regular loss of wickets left Suffolk down and out at 114-8. With a win bonus out of the question, runs were needed by the tail to try to preserve a place in the last 16 by virtue of net run-

rate. Paul Pallant (19 not out) and Kevin Dobson (24 not out) in a partnership of 41 saw the Suffolk innings close on 155-8. Qualification had been achieved by 0.02 of a run!

Having a lowly qualifying seeding, Suffolk were drawn away to Lancashire, who won the toss and asked Suffolk to bat in damp conditions, the area having had a lot of rain on the Saturday evening before match day. A combination of quality opposition, conditions and poor shot selection saw Suffolk shot out for 97 in the 40<sup>th</sup> over. Only Wormington (31) and Byford (25) managed to reach double figures. Suffolk managed to claim two wickets before the end came in the 24<sup>th</sup> over, both wickets falling to catches by Andrew Leech.

Eric Davy took over from Nick Meakin as captain of the Over-50s Home Counties XI. Unfortunately he found himself with similar difficulties to those Nick faced in 2018 in trying to field a settled side and, in particular, a settled bowling attack. First up was the visit of Middlesex to Clay Hall. On winning the toss Middlesex chose to bat with Richard Crompton's 65 providing a good platform. A further 54 from No.4 Abrar Dar enabled the visitors to enjoy their tea with 226 runs on the board. In his first and only performance in 2019 for the Over-50s, Kevin Ross returned the excellent figures of 1-18 from his nine overs.

Apart from debutant Karl Storey, the batting was less than impressive as Suffolk stumbled to 110-7. Storey (65) became the eighth wicket to fall with the score on 158. At that point Jon Matthews, another debutant, started to hit out and he raced to an unbeaten 50 from 42 balls. At 194-9 Suffolk had lost the match, but the margin was somewhat more respectable.

There was a much-improved performance the following week as Suffolk travelled to North Mymms to take on Hertfordshire. A second lost toss and Suffolk were again bowling first. Suffolk were firmly in charge of the match with Herts at 110-5, with Lawrence Hall claiming three of those wickets at a cost of 27 runs. A defiant and unbeaten partnership of 77 for the sixth wicket enabled Herts to record 193-5 by the tea interval.

Storey was in the runs for the second time and together with Jeff Hurrell (53) added 141 for the second wicket after the early loss of Chris Cook. By carrying his bat for 93 not out, Storey helped Suffolk to an excellent six-wicket win.

Another lost toss as Surrey were the visitors to Copdock. The Surrey openers Gary Thompson (61) and Richard Greateorex (68) helped themselves to an opening partnership of 126 before Thompson was caught by Storey off the bowling of Davy. Some 25 runs later, Greateorex was also dismissed by the same combination. Making the most of a good batting track, Surrey amassed 256-6 from their 45 overs. Not to be outdone, Suffolk's openers replied with a century opening stand. That man Storey with 97 and Cook with 72 added 123 before Cook's demise. A four-wicket haul for Roger White made for a tense final few overs before Davy hit a four to win the match by four wickets with just three balls to spare.

On a very hot July day Suffolk travelled down to Tunbridge Wells Borderers to play Sussex. After a first win of the toss, Suffolk chose to bat first. Without the durability of Storey, Suffolk lacked a certain amount of firepower from the top order. Cook managed 45 without his regular partner, but

wickets tumbled all too often. From 90-6 Tony Locke (35) and Meakin (23) at least helped to put some respectability to the score before the innings came to an abrupt halt at 155 all out. Thanks to a brisk 76 not out from opener Bradley Smith, Sussex managed to chase down the required runs for the loss of three wickets in just 29.3 overs. Coming on as the sixth bowler Cook claimed all three wickets at a cost of 24 runs.

Suffolk batted first against Kent at Long Melford and welcomed back Storey to the team. He duly obliged with his third 50 in three innings. The hosts were three down for 39 before the runs started to flow. Davy (77 not out) added 93 with Storey and then a further 49 in partnership with Meakin (32). Wickets were lost in the chase for quick runs in the final few overs as the innings closed on 218-8.

Kent were obviously in a hurry to get home as the first three batters all recorded fifties. No.3 Graham Nicholls top-scored with 68 not out as the target was reached in the 39<sup>th</sup> over. Andy Burgess returned the best bowling figures with 2-33.

There was another damp day at Mildenhall with Buckinghamshire the visitors. In a match reduced to 35 overs, Suffolk won the toss and asked Bucks to bat. Initially, Suffolk did well to keep the run rate down, but that was before No.3 Saif Zaib started to motor. His 83 not out included eight fours and two sixes and formed an unbeaten partnership of 117 to see Bucks to 176-2.

The Suffolk reply once again centred around Storey and on this occasion he managed to hit a century that was well deserved. After his 112 not out, the next highest score came from Derek Bloomfield with 19. That mattered not as Suffolk won the match by four wickets with seven balls in hand.

Those people who watched the Berkshire match at White Waltham witnessed an all mighty run-fest. Batting first, Berkshire seemed to falter against Suffolk's opening attack, losing their first two wickets with only 34 runs on the board. When Jeremy Wing and Graham Beal got going, they both started to score at an alarming rate. With Beal farming most of the strike, he had amassed 173 by the end of the 45<sup>th</sup> over while Wing was forced to settle for a mere 118 not out, Davy had an unwanted century to his name, but that was for his bowling, not off his bat.

After that onslaught the Suffolk batting might well have collapsed but, to their credit, they made a valiant effort to chase down that huge total. Batting at No.3, Marcus West became the third centurion of the match, his 102 mostly coming in his 159 partnership with Rob Johnson (54). Further quick runs came from Meakin (40) and Davy (75) enabling Suffolk to post a creditable 301-6.

The final match of the season was against Essex at High Roding. Essex won the toss and batted. After the loss of an early wicket, a partnership of 114 between Deepan Gnanalingam (53) and Thomas Illife (114) laid the foundations for another big score. Fortunately not as big as the Berkshire total, but 280-5 still requires some chasing. John Bafico took the bowling honours with 2-58.

For once, Storey failed as did most of the top order as Suffolk were in the mire at 99-6. Steve Smith (28) and Steve Bulger (50) put on some late runs and to finish the innings on 186 all out at least kept the margin down to two figures. As usual, and most importantly, big thanks go to our host clubs and their band of volunteers, the umpires and scorers.



## *World Cup showed why we lead the way*

*By NICK SHRUBSHALL, Chairman of Suffolk Cricket Board*

THE year 2019 will go down as one of the greatest for cricketing experiences of all time! The staging of the World Cup was an example of the country pulling together and proving, once again, that when it comes to such high-profile events, we lead the way.

And who could have imagined what a climax we would have to the competition and when it came to the wire, there were never any losers on the day as such, cricket skills, values and sportsmanship were the winners!

Following that, we had an excellent Ashes Series with England pulling two wins out of the bag to tie the five-match programme where we witnessed new players coming to the fore, others maturing and in the Ben Stokes

innings at Headingley, one of the best of all time.

Nearer to home, I was delighted to see Essex having such a great season, winning the T20 competition at Edgbaston and being crowned county champions. What that does is inspire our local teams and talent to see close at hand, what can be achieved with hard work and good support from all around them. Once again, our county side had a good season and it was good to see the local talent to the fore.

We do have challenges going forward, both in our senior leagues around membership and our ongoing relationship with the ECB currently being refined, but I am sure, with everyone pulling together, we will have another successful season in 2020.

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## *England triumph can inspire next generation*

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

WELL, where do I start? I think we can safely say that must be one of the best summers of international cricket in this country for a long time.

Of course, Ben Stokes and the rest of the England's team heroics in the World Cup Final will live long in the memory. Not only will that stay in avid cricket followers' minds, but hopefully it will inspire the next generation of cricketers, both boys and girls. I've already seen and heard a lot of attempts to try and recreate the dramatic moments of the final, which can only benefit the game.

Of course, to hopefully sustain and grow cricket we need players and volunteers. As you are aware, the ECB have signed a new broadcasting deal with Sky and the BBC, which will see greater investment into the recreational game and also a wider exposure. For county Boards like Suffolk, this comes in the form of a new strategy from the ECB called 'Inspiring Generations' and a County Partnership Agreement (CPA), which will help shape and grow cricket.

One of the key ingredients to the success of the CPA will be recreational players. We know lifestyles have challenged the traditional format of the game, however we need to try and work with that challenge, rather than against.

Whilst there will always be longer formats of cricket, why can't we have T20 (or 100 ball!) cricket options at weekends, or develop softball cricket, which has proved so popular with groups of ladies across the county?

Last season 30-over cricket was piloted in the East of the county on Sundays and was well received. This has helped see juniors transitioning into senior cricket, parents playing in the same team as their son or daughter and could easily become an integrated option for clubs.

We also need to appreciate and understand the demands on school children nowadays and adapt 'our offer' to suit their needs. If we have the appropriate playing formats, without overcrowding, then that will be a crucial part to

success.

Chance to Shine and All Stars Cricket will help achieve that, however if we can also make every effort to ensure a child's first experience with cricket is a great one, then the next generation will be inspired to play cricket.

In addition, we also need to support the volunteers currently involved with clubs, leagues, Associations, Boards, etc. Firstly to say 'Thank-you' and then establish why they volunteer, what do they enjoy and how can we help keep them in the game? If we can understand all of this, then along with actively recruiting new volunteers, we can increase numbers, which conversely helps sustain growth and crucially spreads the workload.

Another area that will need support as part of the CPA is women's and girls' cricket. The ECB are placing a very high priority on its development and from personal experiences, I've seen the benefits to clubs. Besides having a different group of players within your club, it creates a more family-orientated environment and as my wife often tells me, ladies tend to be better at organising things! Seriously, now that certainly ladies' softball is becoming more popular, I'd ask clubs to ask themselves, 'why' they wouldn't look to run a softball festival?

Please remember Suffolk Cricket are here to help and support, so whatever the reason (eg how to run a softball festival, find appropriate course – eg coaching, welfare, first aid, umpires, scorers, grounds etc – update facilities, retain and recruit volunteers, what are the junior or senior playing offers, All Stars, talent pathway, inclusive cricket, Chance to Shine in schools etc), please don't be afraid to ask.

Finally, whilst we know it won't be easy, I know not only thanks to the Ben Stokes' of the world but all of you involved in recreational cricket, that the next generation will be able to share the same passion for the game, it just might be a bit different, to what we've known.

# Hopes that state schools will follow Nayland

By ROB EARL

THE poor early season weather affected a lot of matches in both the boys' and girls' competitions. Several schools found it difficult to complete the ties and unfortunately had to forfeit; an unsatisfactory outcome which deprives young people of the chance to play.

By the time the finals came to be played the weather had improved and there was some decent cricket to be seen. Nayland Primary qualified for the boys' Under-11 finals and it is hoped that other state schools will follow their example by entering teams into the 2020 events.

The 2019 winners were:

**Girls' Under-11s:** Winners: Orwell Park School; Runners-up: Framlingham College Prep School

**Girls' Under-13s:** Winners: Ipswich School; Runners-up:

Orwell Park School

**Girls' Under-15s:** Winners: Ipswich School; Runners-up: Framlingham College

**Boys' Under-11s:** Winners: Orwell Park School; Runners-up: Ipswich School

**Boys' Under-12s:** Winners: Ipswich School; Runners-up: Framlingham College Prep School

**Boys' Under-14:** Winners: Royal Hospital School, Holbrook; Runners-up: Ipswich School

**Boys' Under-15:** Winners: Framlingham College; Runners-up: Ipswich School

The association would like to thank those schools who hosted the finals along with the umpires who officiated in those games.

## SUFFOLK YOUTH CRICKET - BOYS

### UNDER-10s

By Ben Wallis

AS WE began the winter training programme only two of the 17-man squad had been involved in the county programme before. Therefore the 13-week winter programme would play a big part in how the summer fixtures would pan out.

The main focus for our winter sessions was to enable the players to perform the core principles of each discipline at or above county level.

This was the first time that some of the squad had been stretched to these limits. Noticeable improvements were made throughout each session; this was very pleasing for not just the players but myself and the rest of the coaching team.

The enthusiasm that the boys showed each week, along

with the team morale, made for the perfect environment for each player to develop as a cricketer.

The summer fixtures began with an away trip to London Schools followed by a return fixture. We then went on to play North Essex, Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and London Academy.

The boys competed in every game, setting high standards and constantly achieving the goals set before the game. Scoring runs was not a problem throughout the season, but taking wickets was something we struggled with; this changed over the course of the season which led to much-improved results.

At this age group it is not all about winning but developing cricketers for the future. The way the boys applied themselves and developed into a team over the summer is something they should all be very proud of. The reward for



Suffolk Under-10s. Back left row (left to right): Kieran Lilley, Aakshrit John, Tait Fergus, Jack Auld, Sam Preece, Aston-Fox Barrington-Hibbert, Ben Wallis (coach). Front row: Toby Peachey, Theo Gandy, Albie Blanchard, Zayan Imam, Malan Du Toit, Riley Pector-Hird.



this were victories against Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire and Norfolk.

It was a pleasure to coach this group over the winter and summer. They are a brilliant bunch of boys who showed dedication and increasing skill levels over the year.

It was so pleasing to see them rewarded on the field for their efforts over the past season. It is now important that they push on again as the challenges will become harder this year. I wish them all the very best in their cricketing journeys.

I would just like to say a massive thank you to Javed Imam, who did a brilliant job as team manager, ensuring that all of the fixtures, grounds and umpires were in place throughout the summer.

I would also like to thank all of the parents for their support. And finally a thank you to Martin Taylor, Chris Farrant, Adam Coombes and Andrew Blanchard for their support over the winter.

### UNDER 11s

*By Chris Farrant*

THE summer of 2019 saw Suffolk's Under-11 cricketers successfully build on the foundations they laid in the previous year. The bare statistics show the boys played 13 matches, winning nine, but there is more to a young cricketer's development than those green and red boxes on play-cricket.

As a group these boys represent Suffolk with pride and commitment, their attitude on both winter training sessions and on match days is commendable, whenever they encounter difficult conditions or in the face of stronger opposition they find strength from within the team dynamic and give a performance worthy of the lion they wear with distinction.

Of the four matches lost last summer, two were by the closest of margins – two runs and one wicket respectively. We suffered two heavy defeats, one versus London Schools and one versus Bedfordshire, both away from home and both early enough in the season, to allow Suffolk the chance of reversing the result in the return game.

As a coach it's during these games where I can readily gauge the squad's and an individual's ability to learn, adapt then implement changes to techniques, mental approach and game plan in order to succeed.

Although London again prevailed in the next encounter Suffolk showed immense courage and skill and it took one of the finest individual batting innings I have seen to get LSCA to the winning post in the last over.

The last game of the season gave Suffolk the chance to avenge the seven-wicket defeat to Bedfordshire, and Mellis CC was the backdrop to the most comprehensive of reversals. Batting first, Suffolk amassed a huge total of 253-5 largely on the back of a magnificent maiden county century from captain Bobby East. His final score of 116 not out genuinely reflects all the hard work that he puts into his game.

In reply, Bedfordshire has no answer to Suffolk's bowling and fielding unit, two run outs alongside Archie Miller's four wickets left the visitors well short.

There were many other team highlights to the season, comfortably beating Norfolk away from home being one. The whole squad joined in at the RHS Festival, even those



*Bobby East after he scored his century*

who could not play due to broken bones came along for the camaraderie over the five days. The boys enjoyed playing some excellent cricket but also made memories which in time they will reflect on as fantastic times.

On individual levels many of the squad had seasons to remember fondly.

With the bat Monty Morgan has the ability to dominate county attacks. His 317 runs included two half centuries at an average of 31 and an incredible strike rate of 136. Toby Toombs opened the innings with composure and skill, although he fell several times in the forties he was often the backbone of the side. There were, however, half centuries for Ollie Knight (70no) and Alfie Paffett (64no) in his first year of county cricket. With many of the squad also recording their highest career-county scores, the batting unit looks to be in good shape for the future.

With the ball the stocks look equally strong. Ben Thomas led the attack with great determination all season, and was rewarded with his first five-wicket haul early in the year, claiming 5-10 off his eight overs versus Cambridgeshire.

Ollie Knight's leg spin cast a spell over several sides during the season. In a warm-up game versus St Joseph's his figures made incredible reading of 2 overs, 2 maidens, 5 wickets for 0 runs! He had two more five-wicket hauls, firstly turning a game on its head with 6-18 versus Cambridgeshire when the opposition were cruising to victory and again at the RHS Festival where he took 7-37 versus Invicta (Kent). Well bowled Ollie!

Alongside these headline-grabbing spells, Archie Miller, Zach Gandy and Toby Toombs all had seasons to remember with the ball, bowling with control, threat and skill. In his first season, credit goes to Barnaby Keen, who finished the summer strongly, bowling fast and with menace, especially on tour.

From the coaches perspective 2019 was a very enjoyable



*Suffolk Under-11s. Back row (left to right): Barnaby Keen, Freddie Foyster, James Bettley, Monty Morgan, Toby Toombs, Bobby East, Zach Gandy, Charlie Laws. Front row: Joe Kearton, Alfie Paffett, Nick Urquhart-Pearce, Archie Miller, Ben Thomas, William Menzies.*

year with a super bunch of young cricketers whose love of the game is infectious and hopefully long-lasting. Huge thanks to the boys and their parents for their support during the year and especially to Brian, the team's manager, whose diligence and enthusiasm is very much appreciated.

#### **UNDER-12s**

*By Andrew Blanchard*

WHEN pondering how and where to start this season review the first port of call was to look back on my 2018 reflections. This proved worthwhile on two fronts. Firstly, to ensure I don't repeat myself and secondly, and more importantly, to take a step back and fully appreciate what the Suffolk Under-12 boys achieved during what was a memorable season on many levels.

Our group welcomed newcomers Arthur Nath, Farran Kirkham, Monte Stamper and Joe Virr as we began our Winter training programme.

Accepting that we were not defining them long term, our winter programme focussed on helping the boys find clarity where they were individually and how that could be transferred in the Summer fixtures. The message was very much about knowing your role and providing consistency with our training to prepare for it.

Looking back on our Summer fixtures, the squad can be very proud of their efforts. We still lost some games, we won a few more, but barring a couple of occasions we were competitive in every game. Winning, of course, isn't everything, but getting reward for hard work very much is, and a shift in mindset was noticeable for all to see.

An example of this approach was evident in our first game of the season against Huntingdonshire, a team who a year earlier had convincingly beaten us home and away. Any mental scars were soon history as we comfortably won by six wickets having bowled Hunts out for just 81.

We were up and running and a fantastically organised trip by team manager, Mark Berry, took us to North Yorkshire and Cumbria in the May half term. Despite the predictable

weather we managed to get a game-and-a-half in as the boys' bond became even stronger.

Games against Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and London Schools soon followed with recurring themes of our seam attack bowling with good pace, variety and threat consistently. This partnered with greater solidity in our batting meant we gave ourselves a chance in every game.

Leading into our second trip to the Royal Hospital School for the Minor Counties Cricket Festival the squad were in confident mood. Victories against Cumbria, Oxfordshire, Lincolnshire and Cleveland saw us go into the final-day match against The Netherlands with a chance of winning the competition. It wasn't to be, but was a fantastic week nevertheless where every member of the squad had their moment to look back on with pride.

I have had the pleasure to coach this group for the past three years. They are a super bunch of boys who have shown resilience, dedication and increasing skill as time has gone by. It was so pleasing to see them getting reward on the field for their efforts last season. It is now important that they push on again as the challenges will come harder this year. I wish them all the very best in their cricketing journeys.

Before signing off some thanks. Firstly, to Mark Berry for his incredible support as team manager. Secondly, to the parents for their support and trusting me with their children!

Thanks also to Peter Cloud for his coaching support throughout the Summer and Ben Wallis, Martin Taylor and Chris Farrant for their Winter support.

#### **BOYS' UNDER-13s**

*By Terry Small*

TAKING winning out as our agenda, we rotated the squad as much as possible in the first half of the season, losing games we feel we may have potentially won, to allow everyone the experience of different roles within a county team.



The second half of the season allowed players to spend time in positions they had made for themselves, from both the earlier games and winter training. This gave players time to relax into their more 'natural' playing positions and others to appreciate what it took to own them.

This coming season, as U14s, competition becomes a reality for these excellent bunch of lads, as Suffolk begin to play major counties in the London Cup ECB competition. Hence it was important SYC gave everyone good opportunities to let them grow as individuals, and to give them strong focus for their training through the spring and summer months to allow preparation for the tougher years ahead.

Some of our observations from the previous season was for players to break beyond 50 per cent strike rates, identify primary roles, and score more than 180 runs in games.

From the winter training programme we had our key indicators, which included three players to score more than 250 runs. Freddie Dyer came close with 229 runs in total, scoring a classy 81 versus Bedfordshire.

Five players scored more than 120 runs – Ben Palmer (194), Arthur Summers (164), which included a defiant 50 against a very strong Gloucestershire, and Charlie Bennett (158).

Five players achieved a strike rate of more than 75 per cent, led by Freddie De La Rue (82.83) and Ben Palmer (82.38) which will be no surprise to anyone who's seen him bat.

With the ball, we attempted to halve the previous season's extras and reduce four-ball bowling in every over, which some achieved.

Freddie Thompson did this with style, before his season was cut short half-way through by illness putting a complete stop to his cricket.

He had a stand-out game, which we lost heavily, versus Huntingdonshire, achieving his best county figures of 5-18, an overall economy rate of 3.36 and nine wickets to his name. Who knows what he may have achieved had he been able to continue? However, he still travelled on the tour of Taunton to be with his team-mates and soak up the atmosphere.



*Dylan Hardy batting versus The Netherlands.*

*Photograph: George Franks*

Leading wicket-taker and player of the season Charlie Bennett (15 wickets) was another. He bowled with pace and aggression, taking some spectacular wickets at key moments and kept his economy rate to 3.63.

Spinner Lucas Howard had another good year with best figures of 3-6 and managed to hover just over the four-runs-per-over mark – a good achievement for a spinner.

Self-taught leg spinner William Blackwell completely bamboozled everyone he bowled at with genuine ripping leg spin, putting fear in the heart of anyone walking out to the crease when he had ball in hand with best figures of 4-11 versus Lincolnshire. He also held his own when asked to play as captain, and was a solid addition to the squad.

Worthy of note was Louis Blanchard's fielding and captaincy roles. Never afraid to ask the difficult question of his team-mates or stay strong when a plan was in place, he also led Suffolk with his catching, something he's worked hard on, and some of which were game-changing and



*Suffolk Under-12s with Essex and England batsman Tom Westley at last year's Minor Counties Cricket Festival at RHS Holbrook. Back row (left to right): Farran Kirkham, Joe Virr, Frank Rogers, Freddie Paffett. Middle row: Henry Clark, Conor Crowley, Roan Tucker, Tom Westley, Dylan Hardy, Conor Berry, Arthur Nath, Oliver Grimwood. Front row: Archie Magnus, Odin Thomas, Matthew Clark, Archie Jones. Missing from picture: Percy Moore, Monte Stamper.*



*Suffolk Boys' Under-13s. Back row (left to right): Shaanjeai Tharaneetharan, James Godden, Ben Palmer, Ryan Hunwicke, Freddie Dyer, Freddie De La Rue. Front row: James Williams, Lucas Howard, Will Blackwell, Louis Blanchard, Alex MacLeod, Freddie Cloud.*

spectacular to watch.

Fellow and opposition coaches mentioned how well the U13 boys fielded in every game. It's a huge part of the game and one they should be proud of as a team.

The game of note was away to Essex, where Suffolk were defending 170. James Williams had supported quick-scoring Freddie Dyer nicely. Fred's control was great to watch, hitting gaps and making nice late contact with ball and generally running Essex round the pitch.

Ben Palmer then swaggered to the crease and promptly dismissed a one bounce four over mid-wicket from his second ball.

This set the tone for Charlie, Arthur and Freddie Cloud to score freely into double figures followed up with a nice cameo at the end by fresh selection into the squad, wicket-keeper Ryan Hunwicke.

Opening bowlers Charlie and James Godden pinned Essex with pace and accuracy then the trial by spin began! William Blackwell and Lucas Howard, turning the ball in opposite directions, proved difficult to cope with followed up by the experience and control of Ben and flight and guile of Fred Dyer.

The game finished in a win for Suffolk, and it gave them the belief that on their day they can beat good teams if they can believe in themselves.

It's been an absolute pleasure to spend time with these boys. I wish them every success for the future and hope that they are able to fulfil their dreams as cricketers. I look forward to watching their progress.

#### **UNDER-14s**

*By Elliot Tyler*

THE Under-14s began the year with a very productive and successful pre-season tour, which saw them travel to Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire and Lincolnshire.

All three days proved to be appropriately challenging for the team, with close finishes at Bedfordshire and Lincolnshire, which both went Suffolk's way.

Stand-out performances came from Kajeai Tharaneetharam,

scoring 142 (65no, 35, 39) runs across the three days and William Bettley, with 120 runs (2, 80no, 38).

The National Royal London ECB competition proved yet again to be a huge step up for the U14s and this reflected within the results. Throughout the campaign, although the statistics do not always back this up, the side put in some good performances and progressed as the season went on.

Notable competitive fixtures came against Sussex, Cambridgeshire and Kent. In these fixtures, the boys showed strong fight and implemented some of their skills effectively, in particular with the ball against Sussex, where they bowled them out inside 45 overs for just 210. Sadly, as had been shown all season, the boys were unable to chase this down and fell 30 short.

The cup competition saw some great individual batting performances from Sam Peberdy, who scored an impressive 78 off 126 balls against Norfolk and Isaac Toombs, who scored 75 not out off 168 balls.

Further mentions must go to Ben Smart, who finished the season with 11 wickets at an average of 22, and Seb Wheeler, who ended up with an economy rate of 3.77 in the one-day competition.

#### **UNDER-15s**

*By Chris Gange*

AFTER a tough league campaign the previous year in the Royal London Cup, 2019 saw a divisional divide in this competition and so the first-class counties and minor counties were separated.

We competed against Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire and Cambridgeshire (home and away) in the league. We also had some friendlies against Northamptonshire CCC and Bedfordshire, competed in the T20 day at Framlingham College against Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire and Hertfordshire and attended the U15 Ampleforth Festival in August.

The two pre-season games saw the team lose to Bedfordshire at Mildenhall. Arthur Phoenix was the leading light in helping the team get to 160 all out in early April, but





*Suffolk Under-14s. Back row (left to right): Sam Peberdy, Merlin Stamper, Isaac Toombs, Kajaei Tharaneetharan, Josh Bullingham, Seb Wheeler. Front row: Will Bettley, Callum Woolston, Alex Dunning, Sam Slatter, Rory Hollis.*

Bedfordshire batted well and won with overs to spare.

The game against Northamptonshire U15s saw an excellent bowling and fielding performance by the boys to restrict Northants to 245 all out in their 50 overs. Cameron Towers was the pick of the bowlers with 4-42. Harry Hitchen, Tom Harper and Ben Wittish also picked up valuable wickets.

In reply, Suffolk started strongly with a 50 partnership between Luke Ellis and Louis Francis-Smith. The boys narrowly missed out by six runs in the end, with Phoenix once again top-scoring with a fine 71.

The first league game saw us play Norfolk at Framlingham College. It was a good toss to win on a decent batting strip. Norfolk lost an early wicket, but then put on 251 for the second wicket in glorious sunshine. Norfolk reached 318-5 after 50 overs. The weather took a turn and over tea the covers came on and rain then interrupted play for the next few hours with Duckworth-Lewis-Stern setting Suffolk 275 to win in just over 30 overs at one point. However, Norfolk bowled well and despite some starts from Phoenix, Ollie Gallop and Hitchen the boys fell short.

A day later on Bank Holiday Monday we were at Copdock for league match No.2 against Hertfordshire. Suffolk won the toss and batted first, scoring 174 all out off 48 overs. Gallop, Phoenix and Towers were the pick of the batters, but some good tight bowling restricted us. Hertfordshire batted well and won the game by seven wickets.

After some feedback and reflection time the third league game against Cambridgeshire saw our first win, with everything seemingly taking plan. Suffolk batted first and posted an excellent 210-8 off 50 overs on a tough scoring wicket. The boys battled hard against good bowling and fielding placings. Towers (51) and George Bennett (77 not out) put on a magnificent 93 for the sixth wicket. Phoenix and Gallop both had starts and Connor Cobbold contributed well at the end in a 30-run partnership with Bennett.

Suffolk's bowling was clinical and despite some excellent batting performances from them, Henry Nicholls (4-22) spun them out. Towers, Wittish and Harper also contributed

in the wickets column. Cambridgeshire were bowled out for 153 after 45 overs in what was a fine performance by the team.

The away leg match against Hertfordshire saw us bat first and post a very solid 229-9 off our 50 overs, Tom Harper hitting an excellent 84 not out. Francis-Smith, Phoenix and Hitchen also contributing with 20s and 30s, but sadly not going on. This was another great example of how far the boys had come on with ensuring that they batted the allocated overs and posted scores above 200. Despite a flurry of wickets from Brinley Robertson (3-27) towards the end, Hertfordshire chased down the 229.

Norfolk away was our next match and once again some tremendous batting by their top order made life hard in the field. Wickets were shared around between Towers, Harper, Henry Nicholls and Hitchen, but Norfolk still posted a strong 261 off the 50 overs.

In reply, Phoenix batted very well for his 43 but the loss of him and Sam Burkitt (38), after putting on 60 for the third wicket, gave Norfolk the momentum. A flowing 31 from Gallop in the middle order gave the team hope, but the spinners took regular wickets and we fell short of the target for a second time.

At the Framlingham College T20 tournament we beat Huntingdonshire by nine wickets with ten overs to spare. Harper was the pick of the bowlers with 4-10. Phoenix was in destructive mood with 50 not out off 28 balls.

In the final we played Hertfordshire for the third time in the season. We batted first, but the top four got in and got out with all four (Ellis, Gallop, Phoenix and Burkitt) making it into the 20s when someone needed to go on. Hertfordshire won with two overs to spare.

Our match versus Cambridgeshire in the league was cancelled due to the weather and despite efforts to try and reschedule this, time had run out and the points were shared.

We played at the lovely Mellis CC against Huntingdonshire, who we restricted to 151-9 off 50 overs, with wickets for Hitchen, Towers, Bennett, Charlie Gillam, Harper and



*Suffolk Boys' Under-15s at the Ampleforth Festival 2019. Chris Gange (coach), Harry Hitchen, Connor Cobbold, Tom Harper, Arthur Phoenix, Henry Nicholls, Ollie Gallop, George Bennett, Charlie Gilliam, Harvey Finbow (assistant coach). Front row: Luke Ellis, Sam Burkitt, Louis Francis-Smith, Ben Tweedy, Kajaei Tharaneetharan.*

Nicholls.

In reply, the boys chased the score with 27 overs to spare which was superb and a sign of where they had got to with their intent to score, but lost six wickets in the process which was disappointing. Francis-Smith top scored with 37.

A week at the Ampleforth Festival were our next string of fixtures and by this time the weather had turned and amazingly we managed to get through four out of the five matches with the last day being a complete wash out. The team played Cumbria, Vale of Glamorgan, Barmy Army and Cleveland.

The previous year the boys performed well and it was great to see the development across the different disciplines under testing conditions – being away from home, being tired and playing tough cricket.

Bennett was the pick of the bowlers versus Cumbria with 4-45, but a strong Cumbria, who won the festival, batted well and beat us. We had another loss by one run on the second day, but this time against Vale of Glamorgan. Bennett was the pick of the bowlers again with 3-35 but the batters got in and got out again with too many scoring 20s and 30s, although it was a great game of cricket to watch and be involved with.

The third day the boys stepped up and beat a strong Barmy Army side by two wickets after chasing 209 in 50 overs. Phoenix batted well for his 55, with Ellis and Nicholls hitting 30s as valuable contributions.

Our final game saw us play a strong Cleveland XI who posted over 300, but then Gallop stepped up and hit a fabulous 95 not out to take the team within distance and we narrowly missed out in the end. Sadly, our strike bowler and middle-order batter Towers missed the whole festival due to illness, although he was there on the sidelines. He was massively missed (again) meaning that out of ten days of Ampleforth cricket in the last two years he has only played one of them – what could have been?

The remaining league fixture to play against Huntingdonshire away was cancelled.

Player of the season was Arthur Phoenix who scored 432

runs at an average of 33.23 which included three 50s with a highest score of 71. Arthur was also a great team-mate to have around. He is a secret off spinner as well – a side of his game he should take more seriously.

A close second was Tom Harper, who took 21 wickets with best figures of 4-10 at an average of 22.76 and economy rate at 4.3. He also scored 200+ runs at an average around 20. This backed up his 22 wickets and 300+ runs the previous year. Ollie Gallop also contributed well again with 250+ runs including his fantastic 95 not out in the Ampleforth Festival and kept well when asked to.

A thank you to all parents once again who have made the two years I have been in charge a fantastic experience for their transporting, scoring, preparing the teas and all the other little things that go unnoticed in helping the players get through the matches. I would also like to make a special thank you to our team manager, Lindsay Towers, for making my job easy – both Suffolk and I will miss his diligent organisational skills and attention to detail.

Overall, experiences gained last year have built on those gained in the previous year. The boys have become tougher cricketers who have better intent to score, value their wicket and appreciate that every ball in a game of cricket matters and can change the outcome of matches.

I would like to thank the boys and wish them the very best of luck as they move on to a new chapter, firstly trialling for the U17s, but ensuring that they represent their clubs and take their clubs into the new generation of cricket making Suffolk Cricket a force to be reckoned in England. I am hoping one day I will be watching them playing for the Suffolk 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

### **UNDER-17s**

*One-day report by Andrew Squire*

OUR winter and Easter training sessions based on our new focus point coaching framework programme provided a solid platform for the squad to spend more time working on their white-ball cricket skills.

Three friendlies were arranged with Framlingham 1st XI, Bedfordshire U17s and Suffolk 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, to allow the coaches to



see all the squad players in one-day game situations. Some of our squad played for Framlingham which allowed additional squad players to be involved. We lost to a very good Framlingham side and lost to the Suffolk 2<sup>nd</sup> XI also. Our first game in our Royal London Cup one-day campaign came at the end of June and our visitors were Cambridgeshire at the superb Mellis CC ground. Cambridgeshire won the toss and decided to bat first. Their innings was held together by James Wilson (85), but with wickets falling regularly, they were bowled out for 193 off 49.1 overs, with Suffolk captain Dan Leggett taking five wickets (8.1-0-30-5). Suffolk lost opener Oliver Melville-Ross (6) early on, leaving Josh Frame\* (63) and Matt Kent (70) to construct a 123-run partnership, before both players fell in quick succession. Dan Leggett (12no) joined Callum O'Connell (25no) to complete the win by six wickets. The following week we played Huntingdonshire at Woolpit CC, the home club of our sponsors, Parkers Pitches. Suffolk won the toss and decided to bat first on a very good wicket. Ben Chapman (10) departed early with Matt Kent (96) taking up the mantle of building a competitive score. Tom Sidhu (43 off 43 balls) and Dan Loveless (18 off 28 balls) provided some middle-order momentum and Suffolk posted 265 all out. Luke Froggatt\* opened the bowling with Marcus Packer and both claimed an early wicket. Hunts struggled to build any partnerships and wickets tumbled regularly. Will Froggatt (Luke's younger brother) took three wickets (2.1-1-2-3) to wrap-up the Hunts innings as they were bowled out for 93, Suffolk winning by 172 runs. The Suffolk friendly T20 competition was held at Framlingham and our first game was against Bedfordshire. They batted first, reaching 96-9 off their 20 overs, with Daniel Loveless taking three catches behind the stumps. Elliot Fox took three wickets and George Offord and Sam Paisley two each. Suffolk successfully chased the score down, losing five wickets in the process. We met Norfolk in the T20 final with Norfolk making a respectable score of 135-5 off their 20 overs. George Harrad (46) and Jack Gibson (36) were their top scorers. The Suffolk innings was held together by Josh Frame\* (59 off 52 balls), but the pressure of losing partners took its toll, thereby losing Josh at the pivotal part of the game and culminating in Suffolk losing by five runs. After losing to Norfolk in the T20, we then travelled to the stunning Greshams School in Holt to play them in the one-day format. The torrential rain encountered during our journey did not bode well for the game to take place. However, it was decided we would wait and look to play a reduced game, if possible. Fortunately, the weather cleared enough for a 20-over game to be played. Norfolk posted a quick-fire 42 for the first wicket and Suffolk were struggling to stem the flow of runs. Marcus Packer bowled his four overs for 15 and, along with Max Dias and Elliot Fox, bowled well in the middle overs. Norfolk finished on 134-4 off their 20 overs. Josh Frame\* (70no) opened the batting with Oliver Melville-Ross (22) and gave Suffolk a good platform, with Matt Kent (25) coming in next providing the necessary support to Josh. Three quick wickets for ten runs saw the game go into the final over. Josh held his nerve to hit the winning runs and

the eventful day finished with a nail-biting win to set up a knock-out game against Hertfordshire to reach the semi-finals stage of the one-day cup.

Our final league, and most important, game was against Hertfordshire at Woodbridge School. Herts won the toss and had no hesitation to bat first on a fantastic wicket. Their captain Viraj Gandhi (84) batted exceptionally well and with other good contributions they posted 274 all out (47.4 overs). Max Dias (5-0-28-3) was the pick of the Suffolk bowlers. The two spinners, Elliot Fox (10-0-45-1) and Lewis Millions (10-0-45-1), finished with identical figures, keeping the Herts batsmen in check and to a score which looked below-par on this wicket.

Unfortunately, Suffolk's innings started dramatically with Josh Frame\* being helped off the ground after drilling an inside edge into his right hip bone and causing an internal muscle injury which required an ambulance to take him to hospital. Matt Kent (63) picked up the responsibilities, although wickets fell around him. Dan Loveless (53no off 48) gave us some hope as he tried to take the game deep, but the innings fell short at 200-9 and a loss by 74 runs.

The key word to summarise this U17 one-day/T20 season would be consistency. There were glimpses of real potential in all facets of the game, but too many key game situations were squandered at crucial times. Hopefully these players will learn from these and progress as we would all like to see them do.

The Player of the Year for 2019 was awarded to Matt Kent. Another season gone and another huge thank you must go to my coaching colleague Doug Frame for his continued support.

Again, a big 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 Nigel Packer for his tireless work in ensuring that everything ran smoothly last year.

Thanks also to our hosts Mellis CC, Woolpit CC, Framlingham College and Woodbridge School and to the scorers and umpires (you know who you are) for their officiating.

Note: Players marked with (\*) are U18 players eligible to play. A maximum of three allowed.

#### *Two-day report by Doug Frame*

THIS was a frustrating year and a year of two halves. We performed well in the one-day games, but simply failed to turn up in the two-day games.

Availability was always difficult with holidays throughout the summer and some players opting to play one-day games only. That said, there were glimpses throughout of players' capabilities but we just didn't seem to find that formula which kept us switched on throughout 208 overs over the two days.

In addition, we were playing under the new rules of the competition which meant there were not points for a first-innings win and compulsory declarations after 80 overs.

Whilst it made teams play positive cricket and in our case declare behind at times, I am sure those that will be available this year have learnt from last season and our hiccups we had were just that.

In 2017 we finished top of the table and so our goal going

forward is to play positive cricket and work our way back to the top of the table, after finishing bottom of the five counties in Division 3B last season.

The start of the season saw us playing Huntingdonshire Cricket Board away. After a long travel up we won the toss and elected to bat on what was a very good batting surface. However, we were soon in trouble and eventually bowled out for 79 off 31 overs. Dan Loveless (27) was the only batsman to reach double figures.

Huntingdon took to the crease and were off to a flyer and although Suffolk took wickets at regular intervals, Huntingdon were eventually bowled out for 305 off 61 overs, Dan Leggett taking three wickets.

With Suffolk too far behind to set up a game they batted out the remainder of the game, finishing on 385-7, with Elliot Fox making a fine cameo of 96 not out and Alex Quin and Max Dias both with 44. It showed that the pitch was, in fact, good for batting and had we applied ourselves in the first innings, who knows.

Our next game saw us pitted against Cambridgeshire at Copdock CC. Suffolk won the toss and elected to bowl in the hope of reversing the misfortunes of the last game. Wickets fell at regular intervals and Cambridgeshire were eventually bowled out for 232 off 58 overs. Dan Leggett and George Tilbrook were the pick of the bowlers, with three wickets apiece.

Suffolk commenced their batting and the previous game came back to haunt us as we were bowled out for 67 off 26 overs in what can only be described as a complete lack of application by our batters. Cambridge were now in control of the match and set about their second innings in brisk fashion.

They eventually declared on 206-7 off 32 overs, leaving Suffolk a run chase of 371 off 90 overs. It was important that we had batsmen prepared to dig in and stand up. We agreed we would play positive cricket and try and win the game and it was well and truly within our grasp until a couple of late wickets left us a few too many short.

Suffolk ended the day on 359-8. Dan Loveless (115) made his

maiden century and Callum O'Connell (100no) and Matt Kent (53) were the pick of the batters. The game was drawn and the points shared.

Our next game was away to Norfolk Cricket Board. Buoyant and from our near win in the previous game, we set about playing positive cricket and backing ourselves to win.

Norfolk won the toss and elected to bat on a worn wicket which our bowlers found difficult to bowl consistent line and length on. Norfolk eventually declared on 335-6 off 77 overs. Suffolk dug in and found batting difficult against Norfolk's tight line and length bowling and Suffolk eventually declared on 207-2 off 57 overs with the hope of setting up a result game. Dan Loveless continued his good form with 44 and Matt Kent ended on 123 not out.

Norfolk played their part and got off to a flyer with their batting as again Suffolk failed to find their line and length, Norfolk eventually declaring on 145-5 off 29 overs. Suffolk were set 273 runs to win off a minimum of 44 overs.

We agreed to play positive cricket and chase the runs and reached 100-1. However, we lost regular wickets which slowed the chase down and were eventually bowled out in the last over with three balls remaining, falling short by 49 runs with Matt Kent (69), Dan Loveless (45) and Callum O'Connell (40) being the main contributors.

Our last game saw us host Hertfordshire Cricket Board at Woolpit CC. Suffolk won the toss and elected to field. Suffolk took regular wickets and eventually bowled Herts out for 274 off 58 overs. Dan Leggett was the main wicket taker with five and George Tilbrook took two. Sadly, Suffolk's batting woes returned and we lost regular wickets to eventually be bowled out for 164 off 45 overs. Matt Kent made 44 and Dan Leggett 37.

Hertfordshire made it very obvious they were keen to get on with the game and have a second crack at Suffolk to set up a result game. Herts declared their second innings on 219-4 off 38 overs, leaving Suffolk a run chase of 329 off a minimum of 66 overs.

Suffolk played positive cricket and dug in to build regular partnerships and although losing wickets at regular



*Suffolk Boys' Under-17s two-day side in their white kit. Back row (left to right): Sam Paisley, Tom Sidhu, Lewis Millions, Daniel Suborg, Dan Loveless, Marcus Packer. Front row: George Tilbrook, Matt Kent, Oliver Stace, Dan Leggett, Max Dias, George Offord.*





*Suffolk Boys' Under-17s one-day side in their coloured kit. Back row (left to right): Josh Frame, Alex Cruickshank, Lewis Millions, Will Froggatt, Matt Kent, Tom Sidhu, Elliot Fox. Front row: Sam Chapman, Dan Loveless, Dan Leggett, Max Dias, Marcus Packer.*

intervals, Suffolk managed to hang on for a draw, ending the game on 275-8 off 66 overs. Olly Stace (55) and George Tilbrook (32) were the main run scorers with others chipping in with 20s.

It was a difficult season last year. The two-day competition has no formal status and so the players appeared to approach the games with a half-in, half-out attitude which needs to be addressed this season. Players need to consider their own personal pride in their performances and commit to both the one day and two-day sides this year.

Congratulations must go to Matt Kent for his tally of 628 runs at 57.09 earning him second place on the ECB Under-17s run-scorers list and his well-deserved Suffolk Player of the Season award.

It just leaves me to thank the parents for their commitment both in time, travel and financially. Without your resolve to

get your sons to and from training and games, it would be difficult for Andy Squire and myself to perform our coaching roles.

Thank you to Nigel Packer for his assistance as team manager and to our scorers throughout the season. A big thank you to Martin Taylor and his wife Jacky for hosting us again at Copdock CC and to the Parker family for their valued sponsorship and for hosting us again at Woolpit CC. Finally, a big thank you to the coaches who assisted throughout the winter and to my partner in crime for his shared passion and drive in pushing our next generation of cricketers to fulfil and reach their potential.

Our shared conversations and driving these guys onto the next level has been the catalyst for my wanting to continue this year. If I have forgotten anyone, it was not on purpose and I look forward to this season with a refreshed approach.

## SUFFOLK YOUNG CRICKETERS

### U-11s Boys

Jack Auld  
Aston-Fox  
Barrington-Hibbert  
Albie Blanchard  
Charlie Dinmore  
Malan Du Toit  
Tait Ferguson  
Billy Foyster  
Kaydan Hashmi  
Zayan Imam  
Aakshrit John  
Kieran Lilley  
Ollie Miller  
Harry Nath  
Riley Pector-Hird  
George Prentice  
Freddie Skinner

### U-12s Boys

Ollie Knight  
Kavish Patel  
Nicholas Urquhart-Pearce  
Freddie Foyster  
Monty Morgan  
William Menzies

Archie Miller  
Ishaan Rakesh  
Toby Toombs  
Benjamin Thomas  
James Bettley  
Zachary Gandy  
Barnaby Keen  
Cooper Pearson  
Alfie Paffett  
Bobby East

### U-13s Boys

Conor Berry  
Theo Cass  
Harry Charlton  
Henry Clark  
Matthew Clark  
Dylan Hardy  
Toby Jackson  
Archie Jones  
Farran Kirkham  
Archie Magnus  
Percy Moore  
Arthur Nath  
Freddie Paffett  
Frank Rogers

Aditya Singh  
Odin Thomas

### U-14s Boys

Charlie Bennett  
Alexander Bettley  
William Blackwell  
Louis Blanchard  
Freddie Cloud  
Freddie De La Rue  
Freddie Dyer  
James Godden  
Lucas Howard  
Ryan Hunwicke  
Alex MacLeod  
Ben Palmer  
Arthur Summers  
Shaanjeai Tharaneetharan  
Freddie Thompson  
James Williams  
Yann Johnson

### U-15s Boys

William Bettley  
Joshua Bullingham  
Oscar Dias  
Alexander Dunning

Cameron Ford  
Rory Hollis  
Nathanael Mawson  
Sam Peberdy  
Merlin Stamper  
Kajeai Tharaneetharan  
Isaac Toombs  
Seb Wheeler  
Callum Woolston

### U-17s Boys

Lewis Millions  
Marcus Packer  
William White  
Thomas Harper  
Callum O'connell  
Arthur Phoenix  
Alexander Quin  
George Bennett  
Sam Burkitt  
George Tillbrook  
Will Doble-Thomson  
Luke Ellis  
Louis Francis-Smith  
Ollie Gallop  
Daniel Loveless

Cameron Tower

### U-13s Girls

Lilly Barbier  
Lexie-Rae  
Barrington-Hibbert  
Erin Berry  
Evie Booker  
Amelie Bull  
Beth Gardens  
Charlotte Gaunt  
Darcy Gladwell  
Eliza Goodwyn  
Megan Haynes  
Laila Hollis  
Cecilly Jewers  
Ella-Bell Morgan  
Alice Nickell  
Molly Talbot  
Lily Tillbrook

### U-15s Girls

Chloe Macmillan  
Charlotte Oastler  
Sophie Singer  
Eliza Robinson  
Amelie Clarke

Sophie Hughes  
Maisy Hunter  
Olivia Gaskin  
Helen Bishop  
Evelyn Whitmore  
Jasmine Thomas  
Izzy Palmer  
Olivia Hyndman  
Helena Ringwood  
Katie Norman  
Petra Tweedy  
Grace Collins

### U-17s Girls

Elizabeth Firman  
Tamsin Holmes  
Ellen Pope  
Imogen Sidhu  
Frankie Stenning  
Katelyn Wright  
Isobel Sidhu  
Poppy Sidhu  
Sophie Harper  
Francesca Hughes  
Ellie Richards  
Emily Daltrey



*Suffolk Girls' Under-11s. Left to right: Darcy Gladwell, Molly Talbot, Jess Lamprell, Lilly Barbier, Evie Tassell, Megan Haynes, Ji Sun Munro, Alice Nickell, Cecilly Jewers, Henrietta Croot, Amy Del Mar, Immy Bennett.*

### UNDER-11s

*By Chloe Leveridge*

TWELVE weeks of winter training later and in a post-programme debrief with the supporting coaches, what had we learnt about our players?

Each had applied themselves 100 per cent each week, they had blended into a team, lifting and supporting each other and they had enhanced their natural skills.

But to sum it up, we had no idea how the summer was going to go, for 90 per cent of them it was going to be their first experience of county cricket. How well they did.

The girls played various formats across the summer; T16s, T20, 25-over and 30-over matches, with nine wins and four losses (two of them last-ball finishes) out of 13.

They won every game in which they chased. Their batting innings totalled 1,495 runs, at an average of 115 per game, beating the average they set themselves at the start of the season of 100. This included 143 off 20 overs and the highest innings for a Girls' U11 side of 2019.

Each player produced a moment of brilliance that helped them get a chance of winning a game, either being a catch, getting that crucial wicket in breaking a partnership or having nerves of steel batting to create a foundation (Darcy Gladwell and Molly Talbot more than once).

Bowling performances were supplied by all, with Alice Nickell, Cecilly Jewers and Ella Morgan-Bell each taking three wickets to bowl Norfolk out for 52, Amy Del Mar taking three wickets versus Cambridgeshire and Ji Sun Munro mid-season taking a risk with a new action and coming back to take three wickets. As a team, bowling Northants out for 32, while Immy Bennett bowled consistent bouncers throughout the season, and for a quality action deserved more wickets. All this was backed up by Lilly Barbier behind the stumps.

Evie Tassell, the smallest in our squad in stature and age, blitzed 72 not out with 14 fours versus Huntingdonshire when at one point in the game we were 11-3. What a star! Our most improved player was Cecilly Jewers, who, after a slow start to the season, in the last five fixtures hit 164 runs including 24 fours and two half centuries (55no and 51no) for an overall total of 209 runs. Brilliant performances.

All have become confident young women, consider their

team-mates and understand tactical game planning to be proper young cricketers. They have done their county proud.

Thank you to our lovely parents that helped score and organise teams, the umpires, supporting coaches and grounds that are the best in the region provided for this age group.

The Suffolk Youth Cricket 2019 Girls' U11s Player of the Season was Megan Haynes. A quality all-rounder, she can distribute her weight at ease, pushing the ball all around the ground.

Her bowling technique is simple but rhythmic with a stock ball she has broken partnerships at crucial moments. Leading the team, Megan has begun her tactical thought processes. With 250 runs, two half centuries (51no and 65no) and 19 wickets, she was our Player of the Season.

### GIRLS' UNDER-13s

*By Alfie Marston*

THE Girls' Under-13s had a very successful season and played some super cricket across the summer.

The team spirit was awesome and there were some outstanding performances throughout the year from the girls.

A few performances stood out – Evie Booker's 101 v Norfolk, Sophie Singer's 123 not out v Hertfordshire and Petra Tweedy's 93 not out v Essex.

All the girls had some consistent performances throughout the year and this was down to their hard work and commitment throughout the winter work.

Evie Booker won Player of the Year for her skills with ball and the bat and she led the side really well throughout the season.

The best of luck to the girls that now move up to the Under-15 squad and thank you for the hard work you put in throughout the year.

Also, I would like to thank the parents for some awesome teas and for helping with scoring and our team manager Anna Rysciuk for her superb organisation all year.

Finally, I would like to thank the winter coaching staff who helped the girls to progress their game in the winter as they wouldn't have played the way they did without your help.





*Suffolk Girls' Under-13s. Back row (left to right): Alfie Marston (head coach), Eliza Goodwyn, Charlotte Gaunt, Evelyn Whitmore, Petra Tweedy, Lily Tilbrook, Grace Collins, Sylvia Melvins, Olivia Locke (assistant coach). Front row: Beth Gardens, Lexi Barrington Hibbert, Evie Booker, Laila Hollis, Florence West.*

### **GIRLS' UNDER-15s**

*By Rob Southall*

THE Girls' Under-15s season got underway with the 40-over competition, with the first fixture at home against Cambridgeshire. This fixture turned into somewhat of a nail biter, Suffolk recovering to 106-9 off their 40 overs after being 27-6. It took Cambridgeshire 31 overs and the loss of nine wickets to reach their target.

The side bounced back by beating Huntingdonshire, setting 169 as a first innings total, with Imogen Sidhu top-scoring with 47. This proved too much as Poppy Sidhu with three wickets and Olivia Gaskin with four wickets led the attack to victory by 77 runs.

An unbeaten 55 by Isobel Sidhu was the stand-out performance in the girls' next win over Lincolnshire. Having amassed 175 off 40 overs, a disciplined bowling display, with Megan Bureau (4-0-8-3) removing the middle order in a brilliant four-over spell, secured back-to-back wins.

With momentum fully behind them an away fixture at Hertfordshire followed. Once again batting first, the girls, full of confidence, went out with a positive intent and despite losing regular wickets, Suffolk posted their highest score of the season of 246-9.

The driving force was skipper Eloise Ward, who scored a high-paced 93 not out and was supported well by Isobel Sidhu (34) and Verity Iglesias (35). A dominant performance was capped off by Imogen Sidhu and Sophie Hughes, who shared six wickets and led the bowling attack in a convincing win.

The side's final match in the 40-over campaign was away

to Norfolk where, despite losing an early wicket, Suffolk posted 206-3 off their 40 overs. Imogen Sidhu top-scored with 72, sharing a partnership in excess of 100 with Isobel Sidhu and some aggressive hitting at the end of the innings by Bureau (41no) lifted the score over 200.

The bowling performance was not as dominant as previous matches, but tight bowling by Sophie Hughes and Imogen Sidhu helped keep the run chase under control. The win was sealed by Evie Booker whose four wickets secured victory, meaning that the girls had won their last five matches.

Suffolk started their T20 campaign with a successful trip to Leicestershire to face a double header against Leicestershire and Norfolk. Bowling first in a rain-affected match, Suffolk restricted Norfolk to 79-6 off their revised 18 overs, with Izzy Palmer and Imogen Sidhu taking two wickets each. In reply, it took Suffolk just under 10 overs to reach their target, Imogen Sidhu top-scoring with an unbeaten 52.

Another win followed when Suffolk took on Leicestershire. Bowling first, Suffolk bowled Leicestershire out in the 15<sup>th</sup> over, leaving 84 runs for victory. Suffolk reached their target in the 13<sup>th</sup> over, Ward starring with three wickets and ending the run chase undefeated on 44.

With Suffolk hosting the second round of fixtures, the girls welcomed Essex and Cambridgeshire. Essex were the first opponents of the day, a confident batting display led Essex to a total of 114-3. Despite a strong start by Isobel Sidhu and Francesca Hughes, Suffolk struggled to keep up with the required run rate, falling short of the total.

A fantastic response followed in the next game against





*Suffolk Girls' Under-15s. Back row (left to right): Millie Palmer, Izzy Palmer, Verity Iglesias, Eloise Ward, Sophie Hughes, Poppy Sidhu. Front row: Charlotte Oastler, Isobel Sidhu, Katie Norman, Imogen Sidhu, Francesca Hughes.*

Cambridgeshire, early wickets by Poppy Sidhu and an excellent spell by Imogen Sidhu (4-1-14-4) meant Cambridgeshire fell to 66 all out. A calm run chase followed with Isobel Sidhu, Francesca Hughes, Imogen Sidhu and Eloise Ward making sure the target was reached and for the loss of only two wickets.

The final T20 meet of the season saw Suffolk travel to Norfolk along with Cambridgeshire. The first of the fixtures was against Norfolk and with tight bowling early on it looked like another low-scoring affair, but some strong batting towards the end propelled Norfolk to 115-3. Suffolk got off to the worst reply, losing both openers without scoring. With the score at 19-3 it took Imogen Sidhu and Eloise Ward to steady the run chase but Suffolk were only able to get the score to 80-5 and fell short. Suffolk's final match of the season was rain-affected. With Suffolk struggling at 45-4 off 15 overs, the weather put an end to Suffolk's innings. In reply, Cambridgeshire had a revised target of 21 off five overs which they managed to get easily with Imogen Sidhu picking up the only wicket. This ended a strong season for the Under-15s Girls' squad, only losing one of their 40-over fixtures and ending with a winning record in the T20 format.

#### **GIRLS' UNDER-17s**

THE Girls' Under-17s season had a running theme of being affected by the weather.

This was made apparent when all three of their pre-season friendlies were abandoned, two without a ball being

bowled and the first verses the county Under-15 Girls' side abandoned after 12 overs.

Electing to bowl first on a damp and green pitch, early wickets for Emily Daltrey and Katie Dixon meant the Under-15s were restricted to 52-2 off 12 overs when the rain set in.

Fast forward to early August and the start of the competitive season where the girls travelled to Norfolk for the season opener. Having lost the toss and been put in the field, it was a tight start by the opening bowlers Katie Dixon (7-1-14-1) and Ellie Richards (8-0-22-4). The early pressure resulted in a well-deserved wicket for Dixon. This tight start was backed up by impressive middle-over bowling by Bella Fairs, Elizabeth Firman and Imogen Sidhu (8-1-25-4) who shared eight wickets with Richards. A good bowling display restricted Norfolk to 139-9 off their 40 overs.

In reply, batting proved difficult on a declining pitch. The early losses of skipper Katelyn Wright, Imogen Sidhu, Elizabeth Firman, Isobel Sidhu and Eloise Long left Suffolk reeling at 25-5. Eloise Ward and Ellie Richards (39) did their best to get the run chase back on track, sharing a partnership in excess of 50. Once Ward was removed with the score on 76-6, the tail failed to wag, with Suffolk being dismissed for 88.

The girls didn't have to wait long for a chance at revenge over Norfolk, with the return fixture being the following week. Once again, Norfolk elected to bat and once again it was a very well-polished bowling performance, with





*Suffolk Girls' Under-17s. Back row (left to right): Freya Cannon, Sophie Harper, Emily Daltrey, Eloise Ward, Poppy Sidhu, Isobel Sidhu. Front row: Elizabeth Firman, Charlotte Oastler, Katie Dixon, Katelyn Wright, Imogen Sidhu, Ellie Richards.*

wickets being shared amongst the bowlers, Dixon, Firman and Emily Daltrey picking up two wickets each. With Richards, Fairs, Sophie Harper and Holly Mayhew getting one wicket each, Norfolk were bowled out for 136.

However, batting did not go to plan. Suffolk lost wickets at regular intervals and with the failure to build any partnerships, Harper (17) was the only player to make it into double figures. Having being bowled out for 54, Suffolk failed to capitalise on another good bowling performance.

A very difficult trip to an accomplished Cambridgeshire side proved as such. In wet and blustery conditions, Suffolk came across a destructive batting line-up.

A run out by Wright was needed to break the opening partnership with the score on 128. Only Richards and Firman were able to pick up wickets as the Cambridgeshire innings closed on a mammoth 240-3.

In a running theme of the season, batting fell short of expectations, with Suffolk losing wickets at regular intervals. Only Francesca Hughes and Daltrey were able to develop a partnership. The remaining wickets fell cheaply, leaving Daltrey (24 not out) the highest scorer of the Suffolk innings stranded after the side were bowled out for 102.

A home fixture versus Lincolnshire was next up for the girls. Again Dixon and Richards gave away very little early on and Dixon once again picked up an early wicket. However, the middle-over pressure from previous games was missing in this fixture, with only Imogen Sidhu (8-0-

23-0) providing some control.

Lincolnshire managed to reach 195-7, with wickets Dixon picking up two wickets, Ward and Poppy Sidhu one apiece and Harper picking up three wickets at the death.

After being reduced to 24-2, a 40-run partnership between Charlotte Oastler and Imogen Sidhu (32) showed glimpses of a rebuild. But with the score on 84-4, the last six wickets fell for just 27 runs, leaving Suffolk short in another run chase.

With the fixture versus Lincolnshire being lost to the weather, Suffolk welcomed Cambridgeshire for the final game of the season and the only game in which Suffolk batted first.

After losing Harper early, Oastler was part of another rebuild attempt, creating a solid platform with Isobel Sidhu. Another good partnership between Isobel Sidhu (70 not out) and Imogen Sidhu (42) helped Suffolk to 169-3, easily their best total of the season.

In reply, the bowling didn't live up to the expectations of previous fixtures. After an expensive start the control of Imogen Sidhu and Daltrey was required to help bring Suffolk back into the game. But Cambridgeshire's partnerships proved too strong and a wicket by Firman and a single run out were the only slip ups in the run chase.

An unsuccessful season but with promising moments, the bowling displays throughout were strong and there were glimpses of development in the team's batting displays.



# Analyst Olly has got his finger on the button

By Nick Garnham

OLLY Williams has set his sights on becoming a leading cricket analyst.

The 23-year-old, who has played for Copdock & Old Ipswichians from the age of 12 and more recently captained the club's T20 side, worked as an analyst for both club and county last season.

Olly, who was born and lives in Ipswich, started doing analysis for Essex 2<sup>nd</sup> XI last season while working as an intern alongside helping Ipswich Town's Academy.

The former East Bergholt High School student studied Sports Science at the University of Suffolk, before starting his Masters in Sports Performance Analysis at Middlesex University, graduating in September 2018.

He has since been working for Sports Mentoring Ltd, based at Bures near Sudbury, which led to some ECB contracted work coding Indian Premier League matches and international fixtures for the ECB, analysing the opposition.

The work of an analyst involves logging every delivery, recording key events such as where the bowler pitches the ball and where it is hit and the type of shot a batsman plays, pitch maps and wagon wheels.

Olly said: "Copdock & OIs were looking for a new scorer last season so I suggested the club bought some kit to do both scoring and analysis.

"We purchased the kit from the ECB (at a cost of £1,800) and did analysis coding and live streaming of all home games in the EAPL last season.

"We also covered the Minor Counties game versus Staffordshire at Copdock and Andy Northcote, the Suffolk coach, thought it was really good and bought into it, so I also covered the Suffolk games for which I was available last season."

Olly, who is planning to cover all of Suffolk's National Counties matches this season, is keen to follow in the footsteps of leading analysts like Simon Hughes, who



Olly Williams pictured during Suffolk's Unicorns Championship match at Cleethorpes.

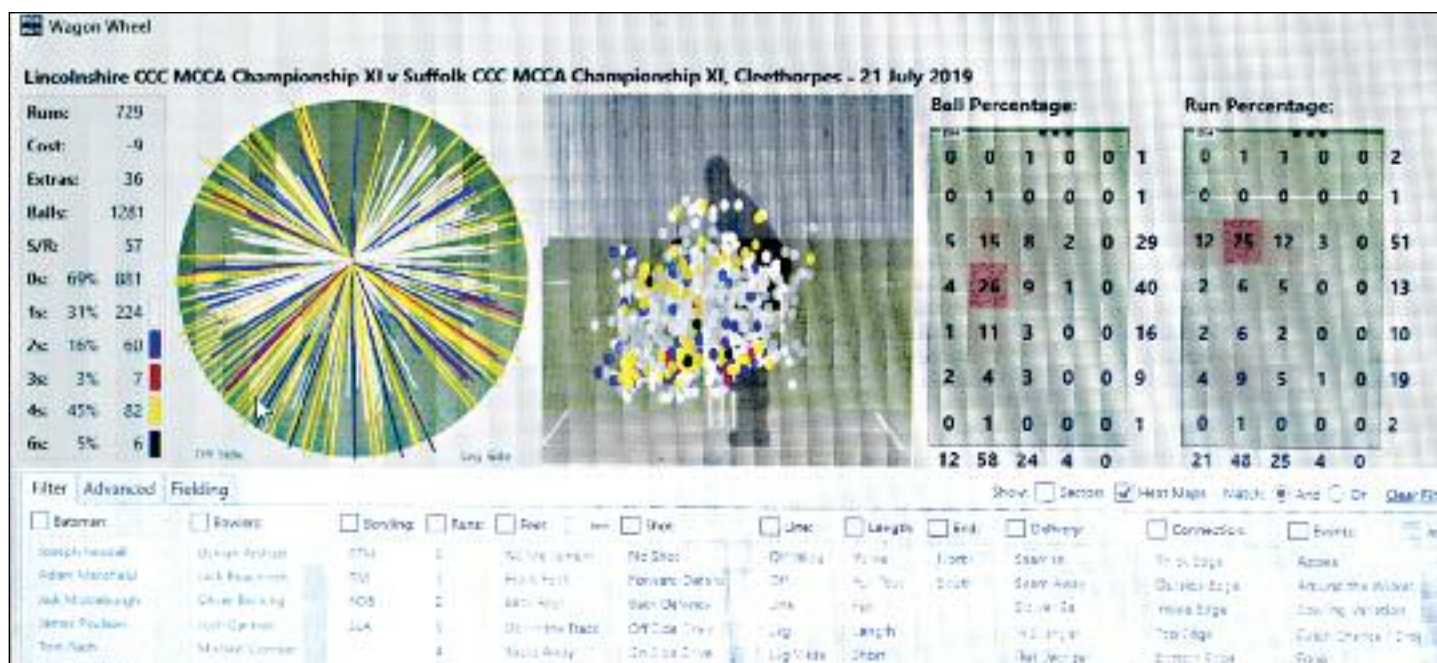
made his name working on Channel 4s cricket coverage.

He said: "My aim is to get a gig working with England – I would be foolish not to aim for the very top. Having that aspiration will keep me going to keep improving.

"Hopefully my next job will be a full-time post with a first-class county.

"Every county has an analyst, who only cover their home games, but potentially there could be further roles that come up due to the increase in ECB funding via the new television deal, and counties will take on additional analysts.

"I feel I have got into this at just the right time and that there will be more opportunities come up in the future."



Screen analysis – The view of Olly Williams' screen on which all the data is recorded.



# *How cricket could learn a lot from Confucius*

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

CONFUCIUS was a Chinese philosopher of great renown. While most of us know little about the man, his sayings are in daily use and his name lives on through them. Among his many offerings came this truism: "Life is really simple, but men insist on making it complicated." That certainly applies not only to cricket in this country and abroad but also our own Association.

How often have we heard umpires, scorers and players complain about the myriad of regulations that apply to one competition but not to another in which they are officiating or competing a few days later?

The Laws of Cricket can be held up as another example, with the constant changes or additions/deletions to sentences or just words. As a result, the game is no longer simple and it is little wonder that so many have difficulty in keeping up with what should or should not be done in certain circumstances.

Umpires are only human and make mistakes, as indeed do players, but it is not just at grassroots level this occurs. Those who watched the final of the World Cup will have spotted a serious error of Law in the final over which certainly helped England but was not picked up by the umpires. However, one of them was brazen enough to say afterwards he had been highly praised by the ICC for his performances throughout and did not feel he had made a mistake in the final.

Two lessons can be learnt from that. Know the Laws of Cricket and never boast about your ability. In the first Ashes Test of the summer, glaring mistakes were witnessed and then highlighted on screens and in newspapers. One umpire in particular was singled out for criticism, but as there are only five out of 12 'elite' umpires allowed to stand in these fixtures – the rest are English or Australian and therefore ineligible – should not the blame lie elsewhere?

With the technology that now exists surely the time has come for all Tests to be umpired by the best, regardless of their citizenship. However, I do wish our professional body of umpires would look at the bowlers' feet and not just when a wicket falls as so many indiscretions go begging and therefore rob the batting side of not only 'no balls' but the extra delivery.

Such technology and advice from off-field umpires are not available to us in the Two Counties Championship or other competitions, but I am willing to bet we spot and call more 'no balls' than those at a higher level.

Turning to our Association, there is a constant stream of information disseminated at meetings and repeated via email, yet the amount of basic questions that several of us get asked is staggering. The answers to these have been contained in documents that are sent to all and if these are read then most of the queries would be unnecessary. Were



*Umpires at the 2019 Minor Counties Youth Festival for Under-12s at RHS Holbrook. Back row (from left): Charles Revell, Paul Townsend, Phil Smith, Peter Lodge, Peter Pushman, Martin White. Front row: John Bloomfield, Colin Wells, Elvin King, Kevin Walker.*

dear old Confucius still alive, I am sure he would have a lot more to say.

At our November meeting, Stephen Lilley gave members a very clear insight into his role as umpire co-ordinator for the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) and there are many others in our Association who can also smooth the path when your three-year term is about to expire.

Our February meeting saw a highly entertaining double act from the world of rugby talk to our members about how discipline and other issues were dealt with in their sport. Colin Edmond and Godfrey Bancroft, joint chairmen of the Eastern Counties Rugby Referees Association, highlighted how they and their members dealt with problems on and off the field and how their league officials gave 100 per cent backing to all sanctions. Five aspiring umpires, Matthew Carney, Candy Cornelius, Lee Gardner, Rakesh Krishnan and Guy Robins attended the Stage One course in February and all went on to umpire Two Counties' matches and others during the season along with some favourable comments.

Recruitment of umpires remains at the top of our list of priorities and it saddens many of us to see other counties having an intake of 20-50 umpires when ours remain firmly in single figures. It is like the film Groundhog Day. Every year we make appeals via clubs, newspapers, radio and spreading the word by talking to all and sundry and we are grateful to those who do make the effort.

Last season we saw a return to our ranks of several umpires who had not been available for one reason or another the year before, including the redoubtable Phil Smith, who broke a leg while taking his grandson on a day out. Fortunately, the injury has healed well and it was great to see him back in the middle.

However, Mel Phair, our league appointments officer, and Phil, his call-off assistant, were yet again badly let down by some of our members who turned down games, did not make themselves available often enough or came up with ridiculous reasons for suddenly not being able to officiate. This cannot go on and everyone should help their cause as much as possible or we will be in danger of losing two extremely dedicated and loyal members. As in life, it is the minority who spoil it for the majority.

It was a feather in our cap to have Peter Lodge selected by the ECB to umpire their Under-15 Cup Final at the delightful Kibworth ground in Leicestershire. This was the third time that members of our Association have been recognised by the ECB for prestigious games and we hope there is more to come.

One familiar face missing from the middle last season was Alan Beazer, who followed medical advice not to umpire last year, but he supported many colleagues from the boundary, bought countless pints of bitter for them and was always cheerful. We all hope that this season he will be back in the middle where he belongs and dispensing valuable advice as only he can.

Hugh Newman has sadly decided to call it a day after 20 years and our former chairman will be missed for his experience, but we hope that others can come forward to fill his shoes.

Gordon Rayner and Tom Smith did a fantastic job with county Youth appointments while Lindsay Huggins again organised umpires for the Minor Counties Youth Festival at RHS Holbrook, an event at which many have seen future stars of the county scene make their bow. This is my last report as secretary, but I am delighted that Allison Heathcote has agreed to take over and I know she will do an excellent job having previously served as the Two Counties' secretary before the tragic death of her husband, Phil, in Tunisia.

Other changes see Ron Raisey in the role of vice-chairman, Charles Revell takes over as treasurer from Barrie Phillpotts and Stephen Lilley becomes the new county performance officer for umpires. Sadly, Andy Broome has stepped down from a similar role for scorers and, as yet, no successor has been forthcoming.

The past year has not been the easiest for us, but I would like to thank all the committee for their help, guidance and patience as well as all the chairmen and committee members under whom I served. I now look forward to returning to the 'backbenches' after more than 20 years in a variety of roles.

My thanks also go to our president, Dave Little, as well as Ipswich & East Suffolk CC for their continued backing and providing us with a good home during the close season.

## Comprehensive list of players in 'Suffolk Cricketers'

DID you know that Suffolk used to play matches at Portman Road?

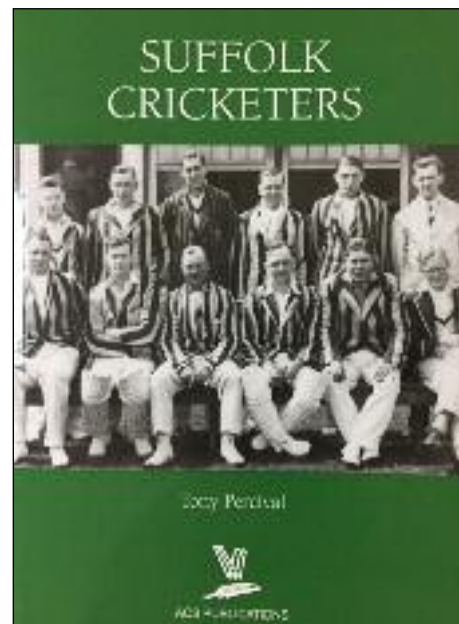
The ground now synonymous with football and in particular Ipswich Town, was one of Suffolk's former grounds as was the Town Ground in Felixstowe. These, and many other fascinating facts, are contained in 'Suffolk Cricketers' which has been published by the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians.

The book has been compiled by Tony Percival, who lives in Cheshire, and was indebted to Suffolk's own Colin Munford for his invaluable help.

'Suffolk Cricketers' provides a comprehensive list of every cricketer to play for Suffolk, with dates of birth, the club(s) they were playing for at the time and other notable information.

'Suffolk Cricketers' costs £15 and is available from the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians' own website [www.acsccricket.com](http://www.acsccricket.com)

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# New name on trophy to mark 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary

By ANDY ABBOTT, League Secretary



*Australian overseas player Cameron Valente bowling for Copdock & Old Ipswichian to Bury St Edmunds batsman Sean Cooper in the visitors' 39-run win at the Victory Ground in July.*

IT IS 21 years since the East Anglian Premier League was conceived and 2109 saw a new name – Frinton-on-Sea – on the winner's trophy.

The Essex side were involved in a three-way battle with multiple-champions Swardeston and the 2018 title holders Sudbury, Frinton eventually getting over the line on the penultimate weekend of the season with a win at Mildenhall.

It was a year of great success for the league. Swardeston became the first club to complete the double of winning the Royal London National Club Cup and the Vitality Club T20 in the same season.

What made it even more special was that the National Club Cup final was played at Lord's, the home of cricket. With a club dominating the recreational titles many think that the EAPL is at the top of the pile with the quality of cricket played. I will leave others to be the judges of that. The league has been lucky enough to have secured a new sponsor in Read Brothers Ltd, the timber merchants from Norwich, and they have indicated their willingness to continue.

This is a major coup as sponsorship is becoming ever more difficult, with so many competing for an ever-decreasing pot.

The demise of the inaugural winners Vauxhall Mallards was disappointing. It was largely a case of players moving on for financial reasons or wanting to be big fish in a smaller pond. It is a credit to the officers of the club that they managed to fulfil all their fixtures apart from one hiccup.

A new face will be joining the league in 2020 – Sawston Babraham from The Whiting Cambridgeshire and

Huntingdonshire Premier League, after beating Witham and North Runcion in the play-offs.

The professionalism of umpires, scorers and players made the 2019 season one of the easiest to administer and thanks go to them.

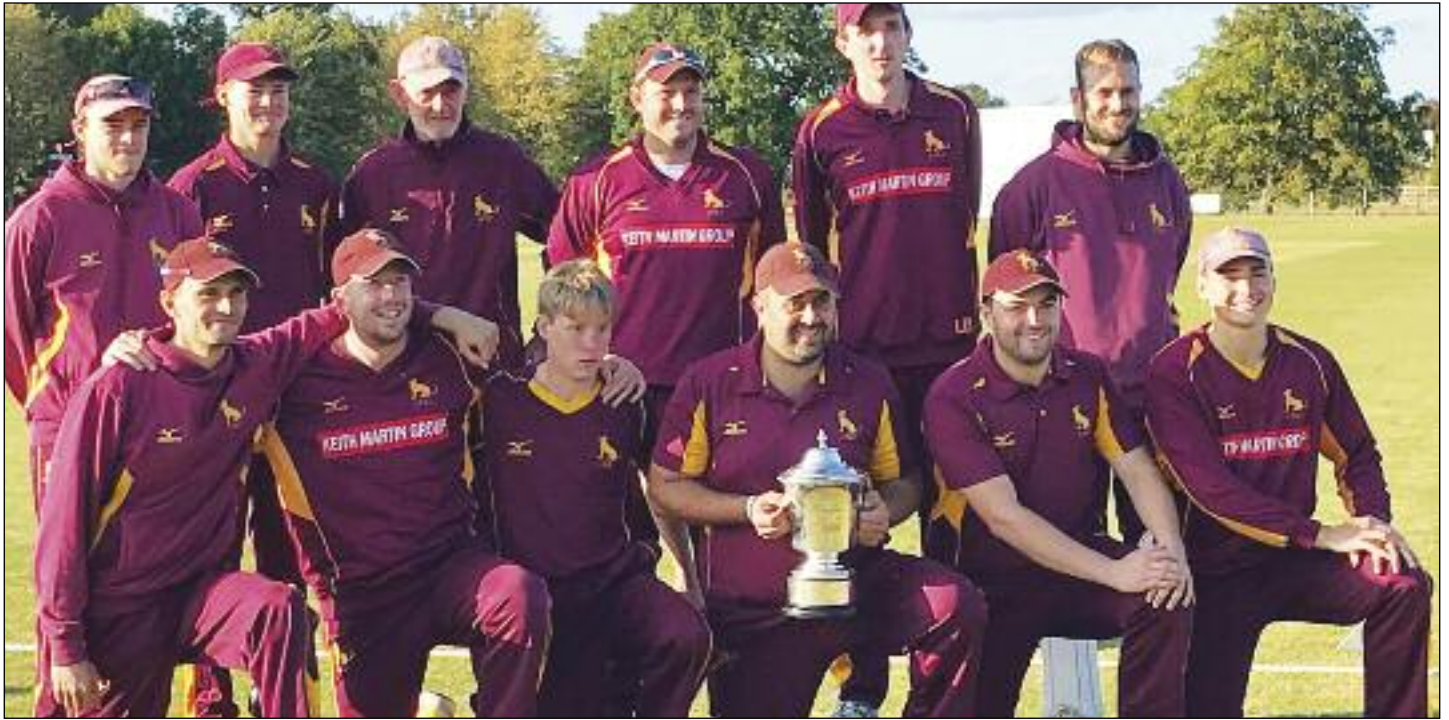
The league will continue to explore ways of developing, especially in the area of Women's and Girls' cricket.

But the game overall is at a bit of a crossroads with the number of players down. England's World Cup success has to be built on. Committees and leagues have to listen to players and take a pragmatic view of their rule books. The EAPL will continue to do so in 2020 and hopefully look forward to another 21 years.

FINAL TABLE 2019						
	P	W	L	D	C/A	Pts
Frinton On Sea	22	16	1	1	4	443
Swardeston	22	13	3	5	1	417
Sudbury	22	12	4	4	2	400
Horsford	22	11	8	2	1	340
Great Witchingham	22	8	7	4	3	305
Cambridge	22	8	9	3	2	286
Copdock & O.I.	22	8	9	0	5	285
Bury St Edmunds	22	7	8	2	5	274
Saffron Walden	22	6	12	1	3	244
Mildenhall	22	6	13	1	2	234
Burwell & Exning	22	4	13	4	1	219
Vauxhall Mallards	22	3	15	1	3	123



# Finals Day delight for Sudbury and Haverhill



*Sudbury players show off the Suffolk T20 Cup*

SUDBURY were crowned Suffolk T20 Cup winners for the second time in three years.

A bumper crowd made its way to Woolpit for the culmination of the Suffolk competition which saw the addition of a Plate competition alongside the cup. Sudbury Talbots led the way in the final with an impressive performance against Bury St Edmunds. Winning the toss and electing to field first saw Bury up against some positive batting from the Sudbury top order. Darren Batch (52no) and Kenny Moulton-Day (50no) led the way as Sudbury set

an imposing 218 from their 20 overs.

In response it was tough going for the Bury batters and despite Josh Cantrell's 51 not out and 23 from Sam Aldous, it was Sudbury who were triumphant by 98 runs.

In the Plate competition the morning semi-finals resulted in Hadleigh facing Woodbridge while Haverhill took on Battisford.

Hadleigh and Haverhill won through to the afternoon final which went to the Haverhill Knights, who chased down the Hadleigh total with three overs to spare.



*Haverhill Knights pictured with the Suffolk T20 Plate*



## Wolverines triumph in Under-19 T20 final



Woolpit Wolverines with the Vitality Under-19 T20 Cup. Back (left to right): Dan Loveless, Alex Routledge, Harry Bureau, Henry Bevan, George Tillbrook, Sam Bradwell. Front row: Oliver Melville-Ross, Freddie Heldreich, Stuart Lilley (captain), Kian Flannagan, Max Brais.

WOOLPIT Wolverines claimed their first Vitality Under-19 T20 title after defeating Hadleigh Hurricanes in the final held at Hadleigh's Friars Road ground.

The competition took on a new format for 2019 with a league structure heading into Finals Day.

Finals Day, which was fantastically hosted by Hadleigh CC, saw more than 150 spectators watching as Woolpit won the toss and opted to bat first.

Despite the early loss of Oliver Melville-Ross, Woolpit scored consistently with runs from Freddie Heldreich (37),

Harry Bureau (34) and Alex Routledge (33no) seeing them post an above-par total of 194.

In response, Hadleigh started well with openers Harvey Skinner (52no) and Matthew Kent (30) setting up the chase well.

However, once the breakthrough was made Hadleigh were unable to keep up with the rate before reaching 150-6 to lose by 44 runs.

The highlight with the ball for Woolpit was Henry Bevan taking 2-17 from his four overs.

### CLIFF PIPER MEMORIAL AWARD

## Akashirt and Megan are recipients of annual awards

TWO Suffolk Young Cricketers were selected as the winners of the Cliff Piper Memorial Award following their performances across last season.

Akashirt John was named as the male winner and Megan Haynes as the female winner of the annual award.

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

Akashirt, who celebrated his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday in January, was the Suffolk Under-10 Player of the Year for 2019.

He is an opening batsman and leg spinner who plays his

club cricket for both Stowupland and Woodbridge.

He had a top-score of 60 against Norfolk and also made two other half centuries, while his best bowling figures were 1-8 versus London Schools' Cricket Association.

Megan, who turned 12 last October and is a member of Mildenhall CC, played as a No.3 batsman and a medium-fast bowler in the Suffolk Girls' Under-11 side.

She made an unbeaten 65 against Cambridgeshire and produced her best bowling figure of 3-7 versus Huntingdonshire.

# Hadleigh enjoy best season for many years

By ALAN ROGERS, assistant secretary

UNLIKE 2018, the Two Counties season was able to start on the scheduled Saturday, April 20th. Worlington CC retained their place in Division One of the championship as they had lost a closely-fought match against Saffron Walden CC in last year's EAPL play-off semi-final. Alas, what was to cause a few headaches for the committee was the withdrawal of Woodbridge 1st XI from Division Four and St Osyth CC from Division Five. It was decided to leave these two divisions shorthanded, rather than to rearrange at the last minute, thus saving a complete re-write of the fixture lists.

Worlington's title defence started in the worst possible fashion with an eight-wicket thumping at the hands of Wivenhoe Town and serving as a pre-cursor to what was to be a successful season for the Essex team. However, the competitive nature of the division would see that by week five, every team had lost at least one match. At the foot of the table, Lakenheath and Ipswich were struggling more than most, Lakenheath's first victory coming in week five and for Ipswich, that winless run would last until week nine. Meanwhile, Michael Godwin's runs, with 840 at an average of 64.6, and Greg Stephen's 48 wickets were instrumental in helping Witham to an unbeaten run of 16 matches, which ultimately earned them their first championship title. That winning streak was only interrupted by the weather preventing a result to the match against eventual runners-up, Wivenhoe Town. Hadleigh had their best season for a number of years and a total of 14 wins was sufficient to earn them third place in the division and the consolation title of Suffolk runners-up. Sadly, the second half of the season mirrored the first half for Lakenheath and Ipswich meaning that two wins apiece would ensure a drop to the Second Division for 2020.

Having been relegated in 2018, Frinton-on-Sea 2nds looked to be the team to beat in Division Two and started the season off with six victories from the first six matches played. However, a defeat the following week and a 20-point win for Braintree, took them to the top spot and

they remained there for the rest of the season. However, this was no runaway title win as they were pushed all the way by East Bergholt, particularly in the latter weeks when a couple of losses meant that the gap closed to within half-a-dozen points. There was an interesting battle for the division's leading run scorer with Warren Celiz, the Braintree keeper, just edging out the East Bergholt captain, Sam Foster, with 952 to 934. It was a difficult year for both Little Bardfield Village and Sudbury 2nds. Together, they spent most of the season at the foot of the table, with Sudbury gaining the dubious honour of finishing in 12<sup>th</sup> place despite winning two more matches than Little Bardfield Village.

Division Three was very much a Suffolk story with only two Essex teams out of the 12 in the division. Come the end of June, and Copdock & OI 2nds held a narrow advantage over Bury St Edmunds 2nds by virtue of having recorded eight wins against Bury's seven. Not that far behind were Walsham-le-Willows, Long Melford, and Felixstowe & Corinthians all with six wins to their credit and battling for that second promotion spot. However, the top of the table looked remarkably similar following the final Saturday with just Long Melford and Felixstowe & Corinthians changing places. A total of 600+ runs from both Felix Ward and Karl Storey were key to Copdock remaining above Bury where Ben Whittaker, with 418 runs and 28 wickets, excelled. Ipswich & East Suffolk cited a desperate shortage of players as they suffered relegation for the second successive year and will compete in Division Four along with Brockley in 2020.

Easton and Tuddenham St Mary eased the pain of relegation in 2018 by ensuring a swift return to Division Three with 15 and 14 wins respectively. At half way, just two points separated the two main protagonists along with Nacton. Easton finished the season strongly by beating Tuddenham in week 18 and Nacton on the penultimate Saturday. Nacton's challenge was virtually ended with that defeat plus the earlier loss to Tuddenham. Eight Ash

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# MARSHALL HATCHICK TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

## Final League Tables 2019 Season

DIVISION ONE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Witham	22	17	0	2	3	374
Wivenhoe	22	16	0	3	3	360
Hadleigh	22	14	1	6	1	348
Coggeshall	22	14	0	7	1	305
Maldon	22	12	0	9	1	294
Worlington	22	10	1	7	4	279
Mistley	22	9	0	11	2	247
Haverhill	22	8	0	12	2	234
Halstead	22	7	0	14	1	222
Woolpit	22	7	0	13	2	210
Lakenheath	22	2	0	17	3	158
Ipswich	22	2	0	17	3	158

DIVISION TWO	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Braintree	22	16	0	5	1	359
East Bergholt	22	16	0	3	3	354
Clacton	22	14	0	7	1	316
Mildenhall II	22	13	0	6	3	314
Frinton II	22	13	0	7	2	313
Copford	22	9	0	10	3	262
Kesgrave	22	8	1	11	2	240
Kelvedon & Feering	22	7	0	12	3	227
Dunmow	22	6	0	13	3	216
Elmstead	22	7	0	13	2	211
Little Bardfield Village	22	3	1	16	2	189
Sudbury II	22	5	0	14	3	188

DIVISION THREE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Copdock & O.I II	22	15	0	4	3	333
Bury St. Edmunds II	22	14	0	5	3	320
Walsham-le Willows	22	13	0	5	4	313
Felixstowe & Corinthians	22	12	0	7	3	302
Long Melford	22	11	0	8	3	284
Woolpit II	22	11	0	8	3	272
Stowmarket	22	9	0	12	1	255
Abberton	22	8	0	12	2	246
Haverhill II	22	7	1	11	3	240
Mistley II	22	7	0	14	1	224
Brockley	22	5	1	13	3	193
Ipswich & East Suffolk #	22	3	0	16	3	117

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Easton	20	15	0	3	2	326
Tuddenham	20	14	0	5	1	304
Eight Ash Green	20	13	1	5	1	302
Nacton	20	12	0	5	3	285
Witham II	20	11	0	8	1	270
Wivenhoe II	20	10	1	8	1	248
Coggeshall II	20	9	0	8	3	232
Halstead II	20	6	0	13	1	204
Mildenhall III	20	5	0	12	3	173
Worlington II	20	2	0	15	3	138
Elmstead II #	20	2	0	17	1	92

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Nowton	20	14	0	3	3	303
Harwich & Dovercourt	20	12	0	4	4	284
Stowupland	20	12	0	6	2	273
St. Margarets	20	10	0	8	2	241
Maldon II	20	10	0	8	2	237
Hadleigh II	20	9	0	9	2	236
Needham Market	20	8	0	9	3	225
Battisford	20	8	0	10	2	219
Easton II	20	6	1	10	3	211
Ipswich II	20	3	1	13	3	162
Earl Stonham	20	3	0	15	2	148

DIVISION SIX	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
East Bergholt II	18	16	0	1	1	319
Great Bromley	18	12	0	4	2	279
West Bergholt	18	12	0	4	2	271
Frinton III	18	10	0	5	3	228
Worlingworth	18	8	0	10	0	216
Mildenhall IV	18	8	0	9	1	203
Braintree II	18	7	0	9	2	188
Sudbourne Hall	18	6	0	9	3	184
Kelvedon & Feering II	18	0	0	16	2	79
Yoxford #	18	1	0	14	3	78

DIVISION SEVEN	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Abberton II	18	14	0	3	1	291
Dunmow II	18	12	0	4	2	276
Felixstowe & Corinthians II	18	9	0	7	2	230
Woolpit III	18	9	0	6	3	225
Bury St. Edmunds III	18	8	0	6	4	218
Bardwell	18	7	0	10	1	200
Melton St. Audrys	18	7	0	8	3	199
Long Melford II	18	6	0	7	5	181
West Mersea	18	5	0	12	1	151
Halstead III *	18	1	0	15	2	54

DIVISION EIGHT	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Chappel & Wakes Colne	18	14	0	2	2	296
Saxmundham Sports	18	10	0	3	5	251
Kesgrave II	18	10	0	5	3	246
Brockley II	18	8	0	7	3	215
Tendring	18	8	0	7	3	214
Maldon III	18	8	0	9	1	202
Sudbury III	18	6	1	8	3	192
Coggeshall III	18	4	0	12	2	138
Copford II	18	2	1	12	3	126
Colchester Cavaliers *	18	5	0	10	3	122

DIVISION NINE EAST	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Woodbridge	16	11	0	3	2	249
Copdock & O.I III	16	11	0	1	4	245
Nacton II	16	10	0	3	3	228
Ipswich III	16	7	0	5	4	189
Felixstowe & Corinthians III	16	5	0	7	4	165
Mistley III	16	6	0	7	3	164
Boxted	16	5	0	9	2	147
St. Margaret's II	16	1	0	14	1	82
Ipswich & East Suffolk II *	16	4	0	11	1	70

DIVISION NINE SOUTH	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Eight Ash Green II	16	12	0	4	0	253
West Bergholt II	16	11	0	2	3	247
Harwich & Dovercourt II	16	11	0	2	3	242
Chappel & Wakes Colne II	16	8	0	8	0	197
Witham III	16	8	0	7	1	186
Earls Colne	16	6	0	8	2	167
Maldon IV	16	6	0	9	1	154
West Mersea II #	16	2	0	13	1	65
Kelvedon & Feering III *	16	2	0	13	1	41

DIVISION NINE WEST	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Lakenheath II	16	12	0	4	0	249
Haverhill III	16	11	0	3	2	239
Worlington III	16	9	0	7	0	205
Nowton II #	16	9	0	5	2	192
Stradbroke Vikings	16	6	1	7	2	171
Stowmarket II	16	4	0	8	4	139
Elvedon	16	3	0	11	2	123
Bury St. Edmunds IV #	16	5	1	9	1	123
Woolpit IV	16	3	0	11	2	116

SUNDAY LEAGUE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Great Bromley	14	10	0	4	0	219
Wivenhoe	14	9	0	5	0	203
Abberton	14	9	0	5	0	201
Frinton-on-Sea	14	7	0	7	0	179
Harwich & Dovercourt	14	6	0	8	0	171
Mistley	14	5	0	8	1	151
Brightlingsea	14	5	0	9	0	131
Ardleigh	14	4	0	9	1	130

LADIES CHALLENGE	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Mildenhall	10	7	0	2	1	148
Melton St. Audrys	10	6	0	3	1	131
Woolpit	10	5	0	4	1	122
Copdock & O.I.	10	4	0	5	1	107
Thriplow NCI	10	4	0	5	1	104
Easton	10	1	0	8	1	63

LADIES T-20 A	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Felixstowe & Corinthians	9	5	0	4	0	105
Mistley	9	5	0	2	2	104
Copdock & O.I. II	9	4	0	3	2	98
Saffron Walden	9	2	0	7	0	44

LADIES T-20 B	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Woolpit II	10	9	0	1	0	169
Felixstowe & Corinthians II	10	6	0	3	1	138
Melton St. Audrys II	10	5	0	4	1	113
Bardwell	10	3	0	7	0	95
Hadleigh	10	3	0	6	1	85
Maldon %	10	2	0	7	1	43

LADIES T-20 C	P	W	T	L	NR	Pts
Battisford	10	7	0	3	0	137
Ipswich & East Suffolk	10	6	0	2	2	130
Copdock & O.I. III	10	6	0	3	1	119
Worlingworth	10	3	0	6	1	89
Frinton	10	3	0	7	0	87
Shotley Peninsula	10	3	0	7	0	80

\* 30pts deducted  
# 10pts deducted  
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Green's late charge saw them overtake Nacton into third place and give Tuddenham some nervous moments after finishing just two points behind them. Tuddenham's David Cross amassed a magnificent 816 runs but his efforts were in vain due to Adam Polley's 718 runs and 47 wickets from Athul Sarangan for Easton. Only bottom team Elmstead 2nds were relegated, having won only two matches all season.

Nowton put behind them the disappointment of missing out on the previous season's Division Five title by just one point to win the division despite the fact that they won one fewer match than in 2018. The big difference was that they suffered just three defeats, the last of which was on week 14 at the hands of St Margarets. It was not a runaway for Nowton as they were made to work hard by an improved Harwich & Dovercourt team, the title being secured courtesy of a last week win over Battisford. It was a deserved success for Nowton, especially as Phil Godden and Jamie Walker had amassed almost 1,500 runs between them. Ipswich 2nds and Earl Stonham finished at the foot of the table but were saved from relegation due to the need to return Divisions Four and Five to a full complement of teams for 2020.

There were two outstanding individual performances in Division Six, East Bergholt's Michael Griffin (738 runs and 29 wickets) and Gt Bromley's James Bees (759 runs and 26 wickets). It was therefore little surprise that their respective teams occupied the top two places in the division. East Bergholt finished a comfortable 40 points ahead of Gt Bromley, who were mindful that West Bergholt were only a handful of points behind them in third place. Similarly to Division Five, Kelvedon & Feering 2nds and Yoxford avoided relegation despite having a season full of poor results.

Opening bat Kevin Gant led the charge for Abberton 2nds in Division Seven, having scored 798 runs. Their 14 victories put them ahead of Dunmow 2nds and the chasing Suffolk-based teams. Felixstowe & Corinthians 2nds were the leading Suffolk team, but their total of nine wins placed them some way behind Dunmow. A struggle to field a team for every fixture meant that having points deducted put Halstead 3rds a long way adrift at the foot of the table. They would need the approval of the member clubs to compete in the Championship in 2020.

Chappel & Wakes Colne are a club on the rise with the Division Eight Cup in the trophy cabinet following their success in Division Nine in 2018. They did suffer two defeats in the season, but with Tristan Moseley contributing 850 runs, 14 wins enabled them to remain ahead of Saxmundham Sports. Saxmundham had also risen from Division Nine so this was their second promotion as runners-up.

In 2018 the three sections of Division Nine all produced runaway winners. Last season saw competitive sections with the West being won by ten points, the South by six, and the East by a mere four. In the West, Ben Palmer excelled with 531 runs and 29 wickets for Lakenheath 2nds while Richard Polley, with 316 runs, top scored for Eight Ash Green 2nds. Woodbridge had lost virtually all of their 1st XI players hence their withdrawal from Division Four. Their remaining players were grateful that Marcus Smith became available for the whole season as his 675 runs finally allowed them to gain promotion.

Good all-round performances from Helen Atkinson (33 runs and 12 wickets) and young Jasmine Westley (221 runs and seven wickets) helped bring the Ladies' Challenge title to Wamil Way and Mildenhall CC for the first time. The trophy was wrested from 2017 and 2018 winners Woolpit by virtue of seven wins from nine completed matches. There was a touch of irony in the fact that one of the two defeats was at the hands of Woolpit. Melton St Audry's, with a young squad, had a successful first season in the longer format and would be well pleased with six victories, finishing as runners-up.

One of the many changes proposed and introduced by the ECB for the 2020 season was to transfer this division to the jurisdiction of the EAPL. Hopefully, this will encourage some teams from Norfolk and Cambridgeshire to join the

party, thus increasing the competition and standards of play.

Following on from their 2nd XI winning the T20 Section B in 2018, the 1st XI from Felixstowe & Corinthians Ladies claimed the T20 Section A, thus preventing Mistley from a third consecutive win. It was a close-run division, with both teams achieving five wins, but, decisively, Felixstowe had gained one more point. Alice Lowe was pivotal in Felixstowe's success; she was the leading run scorer, with 81 runs and the leading wicket taker with six wickets.

In Section B, Woolpit's 2nd XI, in only their second year in the T20, dominated the division, winning nine out of their ten matches. This was an excellent performance from a young squad in which Ellie Costin, with 172 runs and five wickets, excelled.

It was nice to see Battisford and Ipswich & East Suffolk Ladies compete for the Section C title – two teams that have played in the T20 for a number of years without really challenging for honours. Captain Rachel Card's 162 runs helped Battisford to seven victories to head the division from Ipswich & East Suffolk by seven points.

Finally, the Sunday League trophy appears to be on yo-yo journey between Wivenhoe and Gt Bromley and in keeping with the pattern, Gt Bromley reclaimed the divisional title. A total of 601 runs from the bat of Ed Fairley and 36 wickets for Ankush Jagota, saw Gt Bromley achieve ten wins from 14 completed matches as compared to Wivenhoe's nine. It is interesting to note that Wivenhoe beat Gt Bromley yet had to concede the reverse fixture.

The end of the season was clouded over by the loss of long-time President Geoff Newman. The committee will ensure that Geoff's memory and legacy will continue for many years to come. The 2020 season will start with John Stuck as our new president.

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## *Suffolk volunteers are honoured at Lord's*

FIVE volunteers from Suffolk attended the NatWest OSCAs (Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards) ceremony at Lord's in October.

The five – Charlotte Oastler (Stowupland CC), Adam Coombes (Woolpit CC), John Wray (Stowupland CC), Clive Witherly (Stowmarket CC) and Alan Rogers (East Bergholt CC) – were nominated in various categories for their contributions to cricket in the county.

Charlotte was in the Young Volunteer (14-18), Adam was in the Young Volunteer (19-25), Clive and John were in the Heartbeat of the Club and Alan was in the Lifetime Achiever category. There was the opportunity to have a tour of the ground including a chance to view the splendours of the Victorian pavilion including the Long Room, the home dressing room and the museum which houses the original Ashes urn.

A professional photographer was on hand to take pictures of the nominees with both the men's and women's ICC World Cup trophies.

The presentation ceremony was hosted by Charles Dagnall



*Above: Pictured at the awards ceremony at Lord's (left to right) are Alan Rogers, Clive Witherly, Chris Woakes, Adam Coombes, and John Wray.*

of Test Match Special fame with guest appearances from England star Chris Woakes plus rising England Women's star Freya Davies.

Presentations to the winners of each category took place between the serving of each course making for a relaxing lunch.



## *Ipswich, Essex and Norfolk are triumphant*

IPSWICH CC, Essex and Norfolk were victorious in the end-of-season tournaments staged at Ipswich Cricket Club.

Hosts Ipswich triumphed in the Suffolk Over-50s Tournament, defeating Essex Over-50s by seven wickets in the final.

Essex had beaten the Marshall Hatchick Two Counties by 18 runs in their semi-final, Jo Pierre scoring a quickfire 37 as they posted 134-3. Eric Davy (36) batted well, but Essex were always ahead and progressed to the final.

Their opponents in the final were Ipswich, who were six-wicket winners against Hertfordshire Over-50s.

Herts batted first and struggled against some tight bowling, closing on 98-4. With Chris Cook (38) scoring freely, Ipswich won comfortably.

The Two Counties defeated Herts by 48 runs in the 3rd/4th place play-off. Adrian Stockton (35) and Tim Porter (30) enabled them to reach 146-5, Herts replying with 98-9.

Essex posted a reasonable total of 132-8 in the final, Simon Sargent (37) and Andrew Gallant (36) both retiring, but they required quick wickets if they were to win.

However, Arthur Wormington (38) and Steve Smith (36) gave Ipswich a good start and they cruised to victory.

Essex emerged as winners of the John Hutton Over-60s Invitation T20 Tournament the following weekend.

They defeated the Two Counties, who posted 91-9 in their semi-final, by six wickets, with Jo Pierre to the fore again with 35.

Herts, although only losing four wickets, struggled to 112-4 in the other semi-final, but Ipswich Seniors snatched defeat from the jaws of victory as they finished on 107-2, Colin Walters scoring 35.

In the 3rd/4th place play-off match John Gallant and Simon Rippingale both scored 35 for the Two Counties before the runs dried up and they closed on 104-2.

When Ipswich batted Kevin Dobson found the boundary on several occasions and quickly retired on 35, before Kevin Ross guided them to victory with a chanceless 29 not out.

Essex won the final by 20 runs after batting first and totalling 140-8 thanks to 38 from opener Simon Sargent and 36 from Andy Gallant.

Essex then bowled and fielded tightly and Herts were always behind the run rate, and when Duncan Elder retired on 23 having badly damaged his finger in the field, Herts had no batsmen left and finished on 120-7.

In the annual T20 Tournament for Over-70 teams, Norfolk defeated Suffolk by six wickets off the penultimate ball in their semi-final, after Neil Hames had made 37 not out in the hosts' 105-5 and then claimed 2-19.

In the other semi-final Essex had a rather dramatic collapse as Herts, who had closed on 109-6, won by 27 runs.

In the 3rd/4th place match Essex scored 108 – a total matched by Suffolk in a well-contested tie, despite Doug Andrews finishing 37 not out.



*John Gallant, who scored 35 for the Two Counties in the John Hutton Over-60s Invitation T20 Tournament 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play-off match.*

In the final Herts scored 108, Norfolk achieving their target with just two balls to spare for the loss of two wickets to become the third winners of the trophy.

Ipswich CC were again excellent hosts during a day that was enjoyed by all participants, and in addition a splendid £335 was raised for the Air Ambulance Charity.

The three tournaments were organised by Chris Watson and Rick Jones in their usual efficient manner, and all the players and spectators were appreciative of the work of everyone connected with Ipswich Cricket Club as hosts, including the excellent post-match meals.

# *Sad loss of Two Counties Seniors' leader Geoff*

*Two Counties' Seniors' report by JOHN GALLANT*

THE 2019 season was another very successful one for the Two Counties Seniors. There were 50 games arranged with a few lost to the weather.

There were more new players which is a very important part of the continuing success of the Representative teams. If you are aware of any possible new players for 2020 please let me know.

However, off the field saw the very sad loss of Geoff Newman after bravely fighting against serious illnesses. He was a true cricketing legend and the leader and chief of the Two Counties Seniors.

Many messages have been received from a great number of people, but nothing can really be a sufficient tribute for the way he has been responsible for the success of the Two Counties Seniors Family over the past 32 years.

Geoff started it all in conjunction with Keith Croton with the very first game in 1987. We will be arranging suitable ways of commemorating him and all his work during 2020.



*Chris Hills bowling with Charles Revell umpiring.*



*Bevin Guthrie batting.*

We also saw the loss of another local cricketing stalwart, Lloyd Rayner. Our visits to Halstead will not be the same without him.

We are grateful, as always, to all the clubs who hosted the games: Abberton, Billericay, Chadacre Hall, Copford, Eight Ash Green, Elmstead, Frinton-on-Sea, Halstead, Ipswich, Kelvedon, Long Melford, Mistley, Sprowston and Witham. We are indebted to these 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.

We also appreciate the efforts of Charles Revell, Tex Rogers and all the umpires and scorers who are an essential part of the games. We are grateful for the involvement of Mike Thew, the league sponsor, with the Seniors.

For the record the results were as follows:

Team	P	W	L	D	C/A
Over-50s	26	10	2	7	7
Over-60s	14	2	1	4	7
Over-70s	7	3	0	4	0

The 2019 tour to Yorkshire was another great success,



winning all four games for the first time ever. We are grateful to the Yorkshire clubs for hosting us; their hospitality was outstanding.

Plans for the 2020 tour are already in place; this will be from Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, slightly later due to other bookings at the hotel.

The annual Golf Day was organised by John Stuck at Clacton-on-Sea Golf course. A blustery day was expected, but although it was still a little chilly, the players were able to enjoy some sunshine.

Last year's runner-up Ian Robinson had an excellent round and was the only player to play to his handicap, scoring 37 points.

John Stuck finished in second place, on count back from Matt Bibby with 34 points, who thus finished third. The nearest the pin competition on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole was won by Rupert Haxell.

Well, it was another successful season for the Representative teams. Let's hope 2020 will bring us more enjoyment in the spirit of cricket for this expanding group. It will be a difficult year without Geoff, but as Mike Thew said: "We can all help ensure the continued well-being of the Two Counties Seniors Family by assisting with the organisation and by being available to play as much as possible."

*Right: Ken Greenaway bowling.*



## Former Suffolk pair selected for England

FORMER Suffolk batsman Simon Clements (*right*) was a member of the England Over-60s side that retained the Ashes Down Under before Christmas.

England claimed the 'Grey Ashes' trophy 2-1, after winning the deciding match near Brisbane.

The tourists, who had won the Ashes five months earlier, were victorious in the opening rubber at The Boral Oval, where Sir Donald Bradman played as a youngster.

Clements, who used to be Suffolk's all-time leading run-scorer, now represents Hertfordshire at Over-60s level.

Bury St Edmunds opening bowler Sean Cooper was selected to represent England at the Over-50s World Cup in Cape Town in March.

He was due to spend two weeks in South Africa, with England's first match scheduled for the same day as his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Cooper, who made one Minor Counties Championship appearance for Suffolk in 2015, took part in the inaugural competition in November 2018 in Sydney, Australia.

On that occasion England narrowly missed out on a spot in the final of the eight-team tournament which was won by hosts Australia.



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## OVER-50s RESULTS

**Two Counties 219-9** (N Meakin 75, P Tompkins 35, S Henderson 29, T Locke 3-38). **Suffolk Over 50s 225-4** (S Titcombe 103no, R Collett 46, T Butcher 36, T Money 2-29). Suffolk Over-50s won by 6 wkts.

**Two Counties v Norfolk Over-50s.** Match cancelled, waterlogged pitch.

**Two Counties v Chippenham Park CC.** Match cancelled, waterlogged pitch.

**Two Counties 253-6** (P Tomkins 50, S Trivedi 50, E Davy 46, T Porter 41, P Keaney 3-34). **Essex Police Veterans 156** (P Keaney 51, D Griffiths 24, B Wilderspoon-Webb 2-14). Two Counties won by 97 runs.

**Two Counties 249-7** (S Trivedi 68, J Gallant 52, J Wedge 27, E Davy 20, C Newland 3-35, T Oram 2-23). **Frinton-on-Sea CC 211** (D Loveless 61, T Sinclair 47no, R Harrison 33, A Wells 21, T Charrington 3-24, D Mendis 3-33, C Hills 2-50). Two Counties won by 38 runs.

**Two Counties 209-8** (T Porter 85, N Meakin 57, A Parsons 3-28).

**Kelvedon & Feering CC 210-5** (P Tompkins 65, S Stobbs 40no, S Sergeant 2-44). Kelvedon & Feering CC won by 5 wkts.

**Two Counties v Halstead CC.** Match cancelled, waterlogged pitch.

**Two Counties v Nomads CC.** Match cancelled, waterlogged pitch.

**Two Counties Seniors 279-6** (E Davy 118no, J Wedge 54, S Stobbs 34, J Couchman 2-33). **Gents of Essex CID 121-7** (J Couchman 48, J Morgan 26no, M Southwell 3-26). Match drawn.

**Sprowston Seniors 190-9** (P Prime 65, G Webster 3-22, T Oram 2-47). **Two Counties 192-2** (P Tompkins 104no, P Patel 46). Two Counties won by 8 wkts.

**Two Counties 171-8** (T Porter 64no, J Wedge 36, W Muggleston 23no, G Webster 2-17). **President's XI 146-7** (P Tompkins 52, J Gallant 35, C Hills 3-36). Match drawn.

**Two Counties 207** (S Sergeant 61, P Patel 40, M Murray 4-59). **Eight Ash Green 208-7** (S Nunn 66, A Woodcock 38, B Guthrie 3-52, C Hills 2-38). Eight Ash Green won by 3 wkts.

**Harlow Veterans 235-7** (P Wakefield 87no, S Cadavino 51, K Greenaway 3-44). **Two Counties 239-4** (N Meakin 74no, J Wedge 48, P Tompkins 43). Two Counties Seniors won by 6 wkts.

**Two Counties v Mistley Seniors.** Match cancelled, rain.

**Two Counties 209** (I Doyle 61, J Wedge 48). **Witham XI 210-5** (P Bellehewe 53no, O Cook 47, J Morgan 3-68). Witham XI won by 5 wkts.

**Norfolk Over-50s 226-2** (P Dewing 108no, N Irons 76no). **Two Counties 227-5** (S Stobbs 44, P Patel 41). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

**Two Counties 236-7** (T Porter 123no, H Pamar 3-35). **Gents of Cambridgeshire 238-3** (D D'Silva 102). Gents of Cambridgeshire won by 7 wkts.

**Two Counties v FORTY Club.** Match cancelled, rain.

**Halstead Seniors 223-6** (G Dicker 95, N Dakin 35, J Morgan 3-60).

**Two Counties 146** (E Davy 49, N Meakin 40, J Rose 3-18, D Brooker 3-18, C Roper 3-51). Halstead Seniors won by 77 runs.

## TOUR TO YORKSHIRE

**Embsay Seniors 147-6** (J Roughton 57no, R Bateman 39, J Gallant 3-22, B Tompkins 2-31). **Two Counties Seniors 149-4** (P Patel 50, B Guthrie 38, S Trivedi 25no, D Daggett 3-20). Two Counties Seniors won by 6 wkts.

**Steeton Seniors 219-7** (B Freeman 76, M Chapman 56, A Howarth 47, B Guthrie 3-27, S Carpenter 2-43). **Two Counties Seniors 223-6** (S Stobbs 61, S Trivedi 57no, S Bulger 29no). Two Counties Seniors won by 4 wkts.

**Two Counties Seniors 226-3** (N Meakin 84no, J Gallant 68, G Penny 42). **Sutton-in-Craven Seniors 196-6** (A Wallace 49, C Thornton 36, J Holdsworth 31no, P Williams 27, D Hinchcliffe 3-24, P Cox 2-24). Two Counties Seniors won by 30 runs.

**Skipton Seniors 177-9** (R Wynn 50, J Sharpe 36, B Hollis 20, J Gallant 3-36, D Hinchcliffe 2-32). **Two Counties Seniors 180-5** (N Meakin 50no, S Stobbs 49, M Thew 29, B Guthrie 23no, G Windle 3-28). Two Counties Seniors won by 5 wkts.

## SUFFOLK OVER-50s T20 INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Semi-Final: **Essex 134-3** (J Pierre 37, S Sergeant 25, R Wilson 23, M Southwell 2-33). **Two Counties 116-7** (E Davy 36, A Stockton 20, S Iqbal 3-21, R Wilson 2-21). Essex won by 18 runs. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place: **Two Counties 146-5** (A Stockton 35, T Porter 30, A Wilson 3-21). **Hertfordshire 98-9** (A Catlin 21, M Southwell 3-21, T Shadid 2-15). Two Counties won by 48 runs.

**Two Counties v Ipswich Seniors.** Match cancelled, rain.

## OVER-60s RESULTS

**Two Counties v Billericay Veterans.** Match cancelled, waterlogged pitch.

**Two Counties 198** (J Gallant 65, J Wiseman 45, B Early 3-21).

**Surrey Over-60s 202-4** (J Thornton 79, D Ross 64, S Carpenter 2-41). Surrey Over-60s won by 6 wkts.

**Richard Kemp's XI 224-7** (J Gallant 93no, R Mumford 53, S Bulger 32, A Mills 4-77). **Two Counties 210-8** (S Stobbs 87, J Wedge 24, C Martin 22). Match drawn.

**Two Counties v Hockerill Veterans.** Match cancelled, waterlogged pitch.

**Surrey Over-60s 170-4** (C Ives 82no, P Furner 35, C Hills 2-19).

**Two Counties 171-5** (R Polley 78no, J Wedge 38, N Sutherland 2-20). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

**Two Counties v Hockerill Veterans.** Match cancelled.

**Two Counties v Chelmer Vets.** Match cancelled, waterlogged pitch.

**Chelmer Veterans 199** (I Gray 78, A Mills 3-41). **Two Counties 172** (J Gallant 48, M Rynn 3-40). Chelmer Veterans won by 27 runs.

**Two Counties v Mistley XI.** Match cancelled, rain.

**Two Counties v Norfolk Over-60s.** Match cancelled.

**Two Counties 229-6** (A Sims 82, G Artindale 58, A Gallant 51no).

**Billericay Veterans 153** (M Astles 37). Two Counties won by 76 runs.

**Two Counties 164-5** (D Curtis 90no, I Robinson 25).

**Hertfordshire Over-60s 166-2** (J Davey 80no, S Sampat 53). Hertfordshire Over-60s won by 8 wkts.

**Two Counties v Ipswich Seniors.** Match cancelled, rain.

## JOHN HUTTON OVER-60s INVITATION

### T20 TOURNAMENT

Semi-Final: **Two Counties 91-9** (N Meakin 24). **Essex 92-4** (J Pierre 35, P Wakefield 27). Essex won by 6 wkts.

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Place: **Two Counties 104-2** (J Gallant 35, S Rippingale 35).

**Ipswich Seniors 105-3** (K Dobson 35, K Ross 29no). Ipswich Seniors won by 7 wkts.

## OVER-70s RESULTS

**East Anglian Ladies 160** (C Cornelius 48no, S Martin 44, R Waters 4-26). **Two Counties 162 for 2** (W Mugglestone 58no, A Cooke 45no, K Golding 2-22). Two Counties won by 8 wkts.

**Two Counties 196-5** (D Curtis 85, J Hadcock 47, M Rasheed 2-32, M Croucher 2-19). **Hertfordshire Over-70s 198-3** (S Bulger 78no, N Wilson 62, J Stonehouse 2-15, G Webster 1-39). Hertfordshire Over-70s won by 7 wkts.

**Two Counties 177-1** (W Muggleston 88no, J Hadcock 66, M Smith 1-19). **Billericay Over-70s 151-8** (M Wallace 47, M Smith 32, G Webster 3-29). Two Counties won by 26 runs.

**Ipswich Seniors 162-7** (D Adams 53no, A Keeble 45, R Black 42, J Stonehouse 3-35, B Tompkins 3-21). **Two Counties 139-8** (G Artindale 32, C Leftwich 27, D Messent 6-42). Ipswich Seniors won by 23 runs.

**Two Counties 213-4** (M Thew 79, C Leftwich 44no, P Francis 2-20, A Wahid 2-39). **Hockerill Veterans 214-2** (R Connor 101no, P Elby 60no). Hockerill Veterans won by 8 wkts.

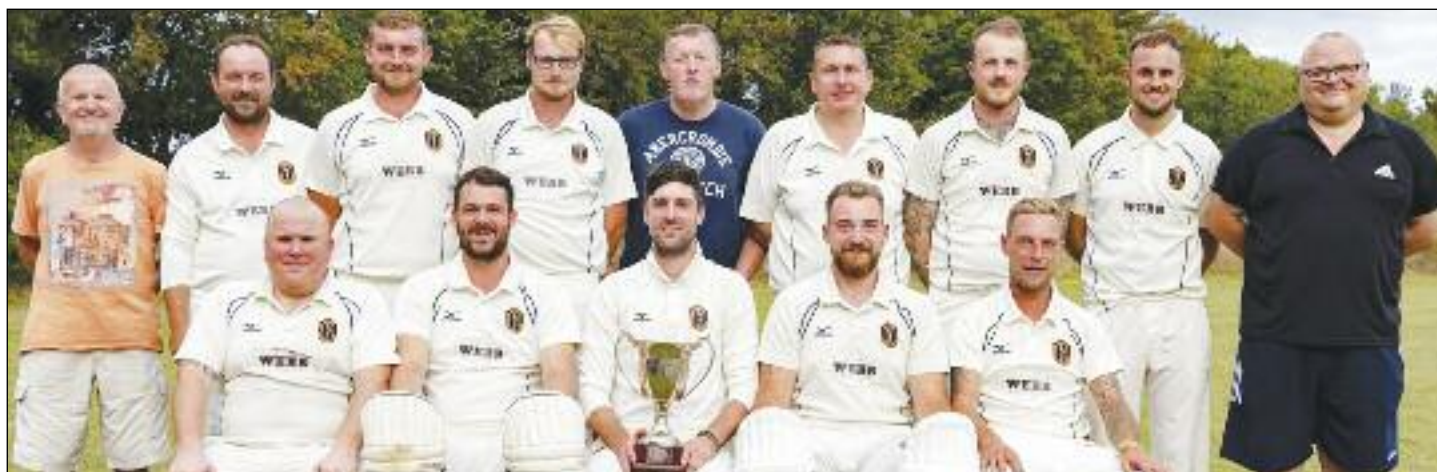
**Billericay Veterans 122-7** (G Willet 21, W Morgan 21, M Southwell 26, B Guthrie 2-20, R Waters 2-24). **Two Counties 123-4** (C Martin 29, J Hadcock 27, B Guthrie 26no). Two Counties won by 6 wkts.

**Hertfordshire Over-70s 244-5** (E Riddle 103no, S Bulger 45, J Stonehouse 2-30). **Two Counties 234-4** (G Penny 90, C Leftwich 50, J Hadcock 45). Hertfordshire Over-70s won by 10 runs.



# Acton retain their Division One title

By Gerard Artindale, league secretary



Acton CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI after claiming the Division One title in 2019. Back row (left to right): Graham Hancock (coach), Mike Griffiths, Chris Wenborn, Chris Sturgeon, Chris Miller (club chairman) Steven Fisher, Dale Brett, Ryan Vickery, John Cole. Front row: Grant Hancock, Steve Martin, James French (captain) Cameron Stace, Jason Harvey.

THE 2019 season was for many clubs quite a disrupted season, with a number of weather-related cancellations and a lot of concessions. These concessions even impacted on Division One, from which the withdrawal part way through the season of Stowupland added further dislocation.

However, the race for the title was closely-fought with Acton, Bury St Edmunds and Mildenhall all winning ten games, Acton edging it in the end with an average of 17.92 to Bury's 17.00, with Mildenhall in third place.

At the bottom of the division Walsham-le-Willows, Battisford and Edwardstone all conceded four matches, although Walsham were quite strong when they did put a side out, winning six of the nine games they played.

Before their withdrawal Stowupland were on the wrong side of the highest score of the season, Mildenhall scoring 406-5, a total which contained 215 by J Reed, which was the highest individual score in 2019.

However, Mildenhall did not have it all their own way as the best bowling performance in the division was against them, D Meekings taking 5-42 for Brockley.

Cavendish won Division Two by a very narrow points margin from Bardwell, winning 11 of 15 games played, although Lakenheath's 40-point penalty for two conceded games may have cost them the title. Cavendish achieved this despite being bowled out by Bardwell for 45 in one of their matches, the lowest team score in the division.

At the other end Brettenham and Bury St Edmunds II propped up the table. D Palmer with 181 for Lakenheath was the highest individual score, with J Burrell of Tuddenham taking the bowling honours with 7-29.

Division Three had runaway winners in Twinstead, who won all their games, a considerable achievement in their first season at this level. This was their third promotion in four seasons since joining the league, having previously played only friendly cricket.

Thurston finished as runners-up with the rest of the clubs a long way back. Milden finished bottom, with two concessions placing them below Long Melford IIs.

## League tables 2019

DIVISION ONE	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	T	Pts	Avg
Acton	14	8	2	2	0	2	0	215	17.92
Bury St Edmunds	14	7	3	1	0	3	0	221	17.00
Mildenhall	14	7	2	1	1	3	0	195	15.00
Brockley	14	6	7	1	0	0	0	163	12.54
Woolpit	14	4	8	0	0	2	0	172	12.29
Walsham le Willows	14	6	3	1	0	2	0	59	4.54
Battisford & District	14	2	8	1	3	1	0	34	2.43
Edwardstone	14	1	8	0	4	1	0	-7	-0.5
DIVISION TWO	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	T	Pts	Avg
Cavendish Wanderers	16	11	4	1	0	0	0	234	15.6
Bardwell	16	10	5	1	0	0	0	227	15.13
Long Melford	16	8	7	1	0	0	0	210	14.00
Earl Stonham	16	6	7	2	0	1	0	190	13.57
Tuddenham	16	7	8	1	0	0	0	190	12.67
Lakenheath	16	8	3	2	2	1	0	159	11.36
Nowton	16	6	7	2	0	1	0	142	10.14
Brettenham Park	16	6	7	2	1	0	0	147	10.14
Bury St Edmunds	16	1	13	1	0	1	0	104	6.93
DIVISION THREE	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	T	Pts	Avg
Twinstead	16	13	0	3	0	0	0	260	20.00
Thurston	16	9	4	2	0	1	0	221	15.79
Vitec Vidcom	16	8	4	2	1	1	0	180	12.86
Risby	16	6	6	3	0	0	1	158	12.15
Freston	16	8	6	1	0	1	0	177	11.80
Hadleigh	16	5	10	1	0	0	0	150	10.00
Horringer	16	5	9	1	0	0	1	149	9.93
Long Melford	16	2	12	1	0	1	0	116	7.73
Milden	16	3	8	2	2	1	0	62	4.43
DIVISION FOUR	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	T	Pts	Avg
Castle Hedingham	14	10	1	2	0	1	0	229	19.08
Castle	14	10	2	1	0	1	0	240	18.46
Easton	14	8	5	1	0	0	0	186	14.31
Worlington	14	6	5	1	0	2	0	186	14.31
Nacton	14	6	7	1	0	0	0	156	12.00
Bardwell	14	3	8	2	0	1	0	112	9.33
Old Newton	14	0	12	2	0	0	0	56	4.67
Battisford & District	14	3	6	0	5	0	0	-12	-0.86
DIVISION FIVE	P	W	L	C/A	LCN	WCN	T	Pts	Avg
Copdock & O.I.	16	13	1	0	0	2	0	307	19.19
Shotley Peninsula	16	10	3	1	0	2	0	255	17.00
Elveden	16	8	5	1	0	2	0	225	15.00
Acton	16	6	7	1	0	2	0	196	13.07
Elmswell	16	4	8	0	0	4	0	187	11.69
Tendring Park	16	6	6	0	2	2	0	145	9.06
Mildenhall	16	2	7	1	4	2	0	25	1.67
Walsham Le Willows	16	2	9	0	5	0	0	-16	-1.00
Great Cornard	16	2	7	0	6	1	0	-39	-2.44

Although Risby lost as many games as they won, they had the dominant batsman in the division, with Alex Lack scoring 1,326 runs in 14 innings with seven not outs for an average of 186 and a top score of 192 not out. It is believed this is the highest aggregate runs total in the league's history. On the bowling front the best performance came

# New league format for 2020 and beyond

By ROSS STANNARD, league chairman

THE 2019 season will be remembered as the last time the league would be played in the format it was set up in the 1970s by Jack Thraves, John Boost and others.

It has been a trend that has seen the Suffolk Alliance go from 36 teams to none for the 40-over competition in just five years. As Saturday cricket has become the norm, Sundays have fallen out of favour.

At the start of the season we started with five clubs to play the 40-over competition, with that reducing to just three by the middle of May.

As a result of this the fixtures were adjusted and the three teams played each other four times, resulting in eight matches being played plus a very limited cup.

Brantham CC were winners, claiming seven wins and one loss in Section A.

Melton St Audry's CC claimed victory in the cup against Yoxford. Neither team started well with the bat, both being five wickets down with their score only in the 40s. However, Melton recovered to post 259-9 and in reply Yoxford were 141 all out.

It was decided to have two Men of the Match – Jack Lord for scoring 101 not out and Toby Stowe for his figures of 7-1-18-5, both for Melton St Audry's.

On a more positive note, we introduced a new 30/30 competition which was contested by six clubs. With nearly all fixtures being completed, it created a great format for players young and old to enjoy and was narrowly won by BT Waldringfield just ahead of Felixstowe.

Following this experiment, the 30/30 format will now form the basis of the Suffolk Alliance going forward and will be

## League tables 2019

	P	W	L	C/A/T	Pts	Ave
BT Waldringfield	9	7	2	1	149	16.55
Felixstowe	10	8	2	0	164	16.40
St Margaret's	8	4	4	2	88	11.00
Eye & District	9	4	5	1	92	10.22
Worlingworth	10	3	7	0	89	8.90
Yoxford	10	1	8	0	76	7.60

contested by eight clubs in 2020 and has seen interest from nearly as many clubs again.

Hopefully these clubs will join the league in the coming seasons, as the word spreads of a quicker, inclusive game of cricket, with an emphasis on younger players transforming from Youth cricket to a longer format.

To finish I have to say a massive thank you to two people who, after 30-plus years on the committee, have decided to stand down. I can honestly say that I couldn't have done the job as chairman without their help and support.

Conrad Wright has been fixture/results secretary since 1986 and has done the job with meticulous record keeping throughout those years and chased many captains over those years for results.

Although a committee member Dot Andrews has done so much more than that, organising trophies, dinners, scoring, seniors' cricket and towards the end, Finals Days at Melton along with the dinners and numerous league meetings.

All I can say is thank you and you both will be missed, not just by the committee but by all the clubs.

Here's looking to a new future and our take on competitive cricket in 2020.

## HUNTS COUNTY BATS SUFFOLK CRICKET LEAGUE - Continued

from G Rout of Vitec with 6-13.

Division Four was a two-horse race between sides looking for a second successive promotion since joining the league in 2018 - Castle Hedingham, another convert from friendly cricket, and Castle, who joined from the Alliance League.

Castle Hedingham's win in the one game played between the two clubs proved decisive in giving them the title. At the bottom of the table Battisford's five concessions put them below Old Newton despite the latter losing all their games.

The highest individual score was 139 not out by B Connolly of Nacton, and M Flecknoe produced the best bowling analysis in the league with 9-22 for Castle.

Division Five welcomed two new teams to the League, Copdock and Old Ipswichian and Shotley Peninsula, and as often happens the newcomers proved stronger than the incumbent teams, taking the top two places in the division. Copdock lost only one game to take the title ahead of Shotley. Great Cornard had a difficult season, conceding six games, and announced unfortunately at the end of the season that the club would be folding.

Walsham-le-Willows IIs and Mildenhall IIs also conceded an excessive number of matches. In the games that were played the highest individual batting score was 151 not out by W

Ponsford of Acton IIs, and A McDonald of Tendring Park produced a stunning bowling performance of 6-3.

The Hunts County Bats player of the month awards were won as follows: April/May: Senior – A Lack (Risby); Junior – D Stobbs (Nowton). June: Senior – D Palmer (Lakenheath); Junior – A Stowe (Earl Stonham). July: Senior – G Rout (Vitec); Junior – T Marriage (Battisford). August/September: Senior – V Rajagopal (Horringer); Junior – A Roberts (Long Melford)

The Team of the Year award was won by Twinstead for going through the season unbeaten.

For the 2020 season we welcome Brantham and Melton St Audry's to the league.

In response to the unprecedented number of concessions, it was agreed at the AGM to reverse previous practice and allow clubs to withdraw their first teams from the league and keep their second teams, to allow them to develop their youngsters against an appropriate standard of opposition.

Three clubs took advantage of this, leading to the awkward number of 41 clubs in five divisions, so that this season four divisions will have only eight clubs. Hopefully with good weather and fewer concessions more cricket will actually get played.



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