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*COVER: The Sidhu sisters Imogen, Isobel and Poppy who helped Suffolk Women's team to a double success in 2022*

*Nick Garnham, Editor.*

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# CHAIR'S REPORT

Dear Member,

It is once again my pleasure to welcome you all to another cricket season. In 2022 we enjoyed a successful and extremely hot season, so please enjoy the coverage of it all within this 2023 Suffolk Cricket handbook.

2022 was my first 'full' season as Chair which included the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI ECB Vitality T20 Regional competition, the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI East of England (County Championship), the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI NCCA T20, NCCA Trophy (1-Day), NCCA Championship (3-Day), 2<sup>nd</sup> / Development XI East Of England competition and the Showcase game against a first-class county.

Above all, seeing the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI have their most successful season was the highlight. Winning both their competitions including a win over a very good Essex team in the T20, demonstrates the progression of Suffolk Women's & Girls' cricket. This culminated in the team winning the Active Suffolk 'Team of The Year' award. The squad was ably captained by Natalie Samuels and coached by Rob Southall. Congratulations to everyone involved!

The Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI season started slowly with an inconsistent T20 competition. However, the Trophy competition saw us qualify for the quarter-final after a fantastic win away at Cheshire. I still have nightmares about how we lost the quarter-final game against Oxford at Banbury.

Our first NCCA Showcase was played against a strong Kent Spitfires team. This turned out to be a fantastic day and advert for Suffolk Cricket. A big thank you everyone at Woolpit CC for hosting and organising this event. Also, congratulations to Kent for winning the Royal London Cup. Maybe this game sent them on their winning ways! Surrey CCC are our opponents this season.

The 3-Day Championship (Division One East) did not start well with two heavy defeats. Taking the youngest set of Suffolk players I can remember to Staffordshire and winning was a real highlight. The momentum gained from the Kent game and Staffs win gave the squad the confidence to outplay opponents Bedfordshire in the final game to maintain our Division One status.

Another highlight was the friendly 3-day game played by the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI/Development squad against an equivalent Buckinghamshire side. This exposed several young players to experience this format and provided our coaching team the opportunity to see how some of these would perform. There were so many positives, that we will be planning more of these in the future.

Our Men's coaching team consisting of Andy Northcote (Suffolk Head Coach and Performance Lead), Adam Mansfield (Support / 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Coach), Chris Gange (Support Coach) and Olly Williams (Analyst) continue to push us forward in providing the best environment for all our players to progress and I would like to thank them all for their efforts and commitment to the cause.

I must say a big thank you to our two professionals, Nick Browne and George Rhodes, for their efforts and contributions during the season.

The cost of living continues to challenge all of us, so the funding support of Suffolk Cricket is fundamental to its operation. Our relationship with our sponsors and business partners is key and their overall backing is very much appreciated. A special mention to the Magnus Group (our principal partner) for their first year of support. Our host clubs continue to provide the best facilities also.

As always, thanks must go to club cricket committee and board members who continue to overcome many cricket questions.

Looking forward to seeing you at our games during the summer.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Squire,  
Chair,  
Suffolk Cricket Ltd Cricket Committee



*The showcase match versus Kent Spitfires at Woolpit CC was a fantastic day for everyone involved.*





# Young squad performed when it mattered

*Red-ball report by captain JACK BEAUMONT*

THE National Counties Championship season began at home to Lincolnshire at Bury St Edmunds. After the squad's strong championship performances the previous season, we were looking to challenge for the Eastern Division title again.

The squad included some noticeable changes, with Joe Gattling being replaced by George Rhodes plus Tom Rash and Ben Shepperson only being available for selection for two of the four fixtures. This gave opportunities to a number of young and high-performing league players to join the squad.

Winning the toss and batting first we managed to reach 222 all out with 30+ scores from three of our batters in the middle order. Although feeling slightly under par, our bowlers put in the hard yards to restrict the visitors to 184 all out, after being 146-4. Tom Rash and Jack Beaumont both claimed three wickets each to give Suffolk a 38-run lead on first innings. This felt as though it was going to be a close game and a first-innings lead could be vital in determining the outcome of this fixture. However, this was not the case. We had one of those sessions you would rather forget, tumbling to 48-8 before being bowled out for 84. This left Lincolnshire only needing 126 to win which on a day two wicket was going to be difficult to defend. The visitors reached the total two wickets down and registered their first victory of the season.

This wasn't the ideal start for the squad after what was shaping up to being a good fixture. In Championship cricket every session is crucial and in order to get a victory in these fixtures it takes a lot of hard work and determination from everyone involved. Even one poor session can cost the remaining two-and-a-half days' hard work in the new Division One structure as no three-day games are easy.

Our second fixture was another home game against local rivals Norfolk at Woolpit CC. Norfolk won the toss and elected to bat on a good wicket, meaning that early inroads were needed for Suffolk to make a dent in the Norfolk lineup. Unfortunately, this was not the case and Norfolk racked up a strong 401-6 off their 90 overs.

In reply, we never really got going in our first innings with only two batters registering 30+ scores, Alex Oxley (38) and Jack Beaumont (33 not out). This left us massively on the back foot, behind by 276 runs on the first innings.

Things then went from bad to worse for Suffolk, with Ben Claydon testing positive for Covid and Ben Parker suffering with heat stroke. With plenty of time left in the game Norfolk continued to pile on the pressure, scoring 224 without loss in their second innings before declaring, leaving Suffolk a mammoth 500 runs for victory.



*George Rhodes (left) and Darren Ironside (right) during their third-wicket partnership of 226 in the first innings of the must-win final match of the season against Bedfordshire at Flitwick C.C.*

The boys batted better in the second innings but were never likely to reach the required total and with a lot of time left in the game survival for a draw was also unlikely.

This loss meant that half-way through the Championship season we were bottom of the table with only seven points from our two games. From looking to build on the previous year's strong performances, we were now in a position where staying in Division One would be an uphill struggle, with away matches to both Staffordshire and 2021 Division Two winners Bedfordshire.

Travelling to Checkley CC and playing a strong Staffordshire side in what was going to be a must-win game was set to be a tricky proposition. Again after losing the toss and being put in the field, the hosts recorded 423-5 off their 90 overs with two of their batters scoring 145 and 152. Daniel Shanks joined the side after some strong 2<sup>nd</sup> XI performances and claimed two wickets on Championship debut.

In reply, Suffolk reached 333, which was a much-improved batting effort after the first two fixtures of the season. The first innings also saw Darren Ironside score his first hundred of the season (146) and Alex Oxley make 50.

Staffordshire's second innings is where the tide began to turn in our favour, our bowlers hit their straps quickly and



put pressure on the Staffordshire batters, taking consistent wickets. It was then golden arm Darren Ironside who turned the tide again at the end of day two, taking two wickets in the final two overs of the day. This allowed our bowlers to finish off the tail on the morning of day three, bowling the opposition out for 190, with Ben Claydon taking 5-67 off 20 overs.

This meant that although the hosts had scored a healthy 423 on day one, Suffolk now only needed 281 for victory in approximately 75 overs.

A good start would be key to reaching the total. Openers Michael Godwin (53) and Darren Ironside (81) both scored half centuries with every batter getting starts and never allowing the hosts to get on top. Ben Parker's 55 came at just under a run-a-ball at exactly the right time and allowed us to reach our total with just under five overs to go in the day.

This was a great all-round team performance and showed great resilience after being up against it after day one. The way the other results had gone still meant that we were bottom of the table with another victory needed to retain our status in Division One.

The final game of the season was against Bedfordshire at Flitwick. The toss was going to be crucial at this ground and luckily for us the coin came down our way. We elected to bat and knew that the first hour was going to be key to setting up a good total on day one. Darren Ironside continued his rich vein of form, scoring 152 ably assisted by George Rhodes' 148 off 165 balls as we totalled 378-4 off our 90 overs.

Suffolk then restricted the opposition to 256 due to some excellent bowling from George Rhodes with 5-36 and Daniel Shanks' 2-19. Suffolk then began to force the pace of the game in the second innings, with Darren Ironside recording a 72-ball 76, Alex Oxley scoring a 51-ball 72 and George Rhodes making a 36-ball 57. Our 237-3 off 31 overs allowed us enough time in the game to bowl Bedfordshire out. Taking the positive approach of choosing to declare and bowl again at the end of day two allowed George Rhodes to take a vital wicket at the end of the day, denting Bedfordshire's hopes of reaching the Suffolk total.

Although there was some resistance from the batters on day three the Suffolk bowlers continued to take regular wickets and with runs on the board could persist with attacking fields. Josh Cantrell, on a spin-friendly wicket, took six wickets in the second innings for just 45 runs off 34 overs to get us over the line on day three. This meant that we finished second in Division One behind winners Lincolnshire.

I was incredibly proud of this young squad, playing the



*Ben Shepperson watches from the boundary edge while undertaking 12<sup>th</sup> man duties versus Bedfordshire at Flitwick C.C.*

final two games of the season on the road against some strong opposition and to put in the performances we did when it really mattered shows how good a group this is. I look forward to seeing how this group develops over the coming years; it really is an exciting time.

A massive thank you must go each and every individual player who represented the county during the season, without them and their dedication none of the results during the season would have been possible.

Our coaching team have been invaluable for the group and their hard work is a testament to the results we are now achieving with such a young squad. The amount of effort and hours they all put in for the lion is incredible and the county would not be where it is today without them.

Thanks must also go to the other support staff including John Abbott, Olly Williams and Nick Garnham for all their support at matches during the season. It really does go a long way for the players to see friendly faces at all our fixtures and have this support network. This has definitely been a huge part of our success in recent years and something the counties we play against are most envious of.

Finally, thanks to Andrew Squire, Toby Pound, Tony Warrington and the Suffolk committee for everything they do allowing us to get onto the field of play and be proud to represent the Suffolk lion.

Being able to perform on the field in the way we did during the season was definitely due to the support we had off the field and fingers crossed we can come back better and stronger for a chance at some silverware in the seasons to come.





# Bright future for Suffolk in white-ball cricket

*White-ball report by captain TOM RASH*



*The Suffolk side that defeated Cheshire at Disbury CC. Back row (left to right): Adam Mansfield (coach), Ben Parker, Matt Allen, Paddy Sadler, Ben Claydon, Darren Batch, John Abbott (scorer), Olly Williams (analyst). Front row: Josh Frame, Jack Beaumont, Andy Northcote (wkt), Tom Rash (captain), Alex Oxley, Josh Cantrell.*

I WASN'T expecting to be named white-ball captain for 2022 but it was a challenge that I was truly thrilled and honoured to accept. The thrill was tempered somewhat when we headed off for the first of our T20 double headers to Wisbech.

After some hotel issues a double defeat ensued and although there were some good takeaways individually, going forward it was clear we would have to find ways of playing with more intent.

Next up was our first home double-header at Ipswich School against Lincolnshire. On a superb strip the bowling unit performed out of their skin to keep Lincs to 128-9. Ben Claydon then produced one of the best innings of the summer, smashing the ball to all parts and making a 47-ball 100.

It made him the first player to score a century in this format for Suffolk and I am delighted to say marked the start of a golden summer for him which saw him get called up to the NCCA representative side to play in the European Championships in October.

Lincs rallied in the second game and posted 185, despite Ben Parker's excellent rebuilding efforts after a poor start we came up just shy. It meant that we would have a tough time qualifying for the knock-out stage from here on in but what was pleasing was the intent with which the boys played and it was a huge step, in the right direction.

May Bank Holiday weekend saw us travel to Norfolk on the Sunday and play Herts at home on the Monday knowing realistically we would need a minimum of three but probably four wins to qualify.

Manor Park hasn't always been the happiest hunting ground for us but to go there and beat the old enemy twice

with a side scattered with young lions was particularly pleasing. Again the bowling unit performed really well, particularly the spinners and Alex Oxley showed his class by scoring runs in both games.

We travelled back to Copdock on the Monday with renewed hope having given ourselves a chance. After a fairly slow start we set Herts 150 with a Darren Ironside 50 which was always going to be a tough ask to defend on another good batting surface, and despite a spirited display from the bowlers Herts chased down a nail-biter with two balls to spare. In the final game we set an identical score and again Herts chased this time with much greater ease and our T20 season was over.

I feel we learnt a lot and compared to where we started our T20 campaign to where we finished, we were in a much better position and hopefully our young lions continue to play with freedom to express their skills in this format in the future.

Onto our Trophy campaign, and with the signing of Nick Browne for the group stage we had high hopes of being successful and qualifying. Norfolk were up first in a rain-affected game at Mildenhall. Norfolk set us 232 and after Jack Beaumont set the tone with a quick-fire 50, Nick Browne and Ben Claydon combined in a high class 150-run partnership to knock the runs off with relative ease.

After such a great start it was disappointing to travel all the way up to Shropshire and miss out due to weather. However, the following week we were back in action at Sudbury against the very strong Cambridgeshire outfit that had changed little from the T20s. A low-scoring nail-biter ensued but truth be told we just didn't post enough runs with the bat.



Having set Cambs 196 largely thanks to another good innings from Nick Browne who received support from Matt Allen, it was really pleasing to see the boys fight so hard in the field and get Cambs eight down.

This left us with the long trip to Manchester to face Cheshire in a must-win game to qualify for the quarter finals. Batting first Ben Claydon stepped up and made another 100, just underlining his class and after Ben Parker sent the ball to all parts for a particularly entertaining half century, we set them 305 to win.

After a strong start from Cheshire the bowlers rallied and we ran out relatively comfortable winners in the end, booking us a trip to Oxfordshire at Banbury in the quarter-final.

George Rhodes came into the side and made an immediate impression. On a slow pitch he made an excellent 95 and after a return to form for Darren Ironside, we had set Oxon 282 to win. We started fantastically in the field and for 46 overs were in a great position to win the game. What happened next will unfortunately live long in the memory for all the wrong reasons!

It's hard to describe but let's just say it was one of the rarest passages of play with one of the Oxfordshire players playing the innings of his life. Unfortunately we lost from the last ball of the game and there aren't really words to describe that feeling!

With our competitive season over our attention turned to the Showcase game! The opportunity to play against Kent Spitfires in front of a large crowd at Woolpit was one which was relished by all the players. Understandably Kent showed how it was done, setting an unrealistic 431 but after a strong opening partnership from Darren Batch and Jack Beaumont and contributions throughout the top order, we at least showed that we do have the skill and ability to play this format against the best.

Kent eventually went on to win the Royal London Cup so for us to have this experience and perform in such a manner should give our young lions the confidence to execute their skills in the future.

Huge thanks go to all involved with our committee and our fantastic sponsors – there are too many to mention here but you know who you are!

The future of the squad looks bright, fantastically talented and full of potential. Adam Mansfield took up the coaching duties for this part of the season. His help, support and above all else patience was simply top class. The environment he and I tried to create was one where the players could have the freedom to express themselves whilst display the fight and passion that goes without saying is required to play for our great county. It's my hope that the side continues on in the direction and once our potential is realised exciting times are ahead.

## SUFFOLK CCC FIXTURES FOR THE 2023 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 Eastern Division 1

#### JULY

**Sun-Tues 9-11** v **STAFFORDSHIRE** at **Bury St. Edmunds C.C.**  
Sun-Tues 23-25 v Lincolnshire at Sleaford C.C.

#### AUGUST

Sun-Tues 13-15 v Norfolk at Horsford C.C.  
**Sun-Tues 20-22** v **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE** at **Copdock & O.I. C.C.**

#### SEPTEMBER

Sun-Weds 3-6 v NCCA Championship Final at West Bromwich  
Dartmouth C.C.

### NCCA TROPHY GROUP 3

#### MAY

**Sun 28** v **SHROPSHIRE** at **Sudbury C.C.**  
**Mon 29** v **CHESHIRE** at **Mildenhall C.C.**

#### JUNE

Sun 4 v Norfolk at Horsford C.C.  
Sun 11 v Cambridgeshire at Burwell & Exning C.C.

#### JULY

Sun 2 Quarter-finals  
Sun 16 Semi-finals

#### AUGUST

Sun 27 Final

### ECB Showcase

#### JULY

**Sun 30** v **SURREY** at **Woolpit C.C.**

### NCCA T20 GROUP 3

#### APRIL

**Sun 23** v **CAMBRIDGESHIRE** at **Ipswich School**  
Sun 30 v Lincolnshire at Woodhall Spa C.C.

#### MAY

**Mon 1** v **NORFOLK** at **Ipswich School**  
Sun 7 v Hertfordshire at Welwyn Garden City C.C.  
Sun 21 Finals Day at Tring Park C.C.

### T20 FRIENDLY

#### APRIL

**Sun 16** v **BEDFORDSHIRE** at **Bury St. Edmunds C.C.**

### Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (3-day Friendlies)

#### JULY

Tues-Thurs 4-6 v Buckinghamshire Away

#### AUGUST

**Tues-Thurs 29-31** v **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE** Home

### WOMEN'S FIXTURES

#### ECB Vitality T20

#### APRIL

**Sun 16** v **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE** Home  
**Sun 23** v **ESSEX** Home

#### MAY

Mon 8 v Hertfordshire Away  
Sun 14 Finals Day Away

See 2023 visit [www.suffolkccc.play-cricket.com](http://www.suffolkccc.play-cricket.com) for complete  
Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixtures



# Reigning champions Surrey to visit Suffolk

WOOLPIT Cricket Club will be aiming to repeat the success of hosting the inaugural NCCA Showcase fixture when LV= Insurance County Championship Division One winners Surrey visit Suffolk this summer.

Surrey will play the Suffolk men's first team on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> as a warm-up to their opening one-day cup match versus Leicestershire the following Thursday. The 50 overs-a-side match will start at 11am.

Suffolk head coach Andy Northcote, who is also club professional at Woolpit CC, said: "Woolpit are once again honoured to host the showcase game in 2023.

"The Kent fixture was a huge success for the club and county, and Surrey can expect to be hosted equally well. Our attitude towards making this day a fun festival of cricket and relevant to all corners of Suffolk cricket runs true for this coming year."

Alec Stewart, Director of Cricket at Surrey CCC, said: "We're looking forward to playing Suffolk as part of our



*The Kent Spitfires batters and Suffolk fielders leave the field at the end of the visitors' innings in last year's NCCA Showcase fixture at Woolpit C.C.*

preparations for the One Day Cup competition. It will be valuable experience for our squad and our first visit to Woolpit CC which I'm sure we will enjoy."

Gates on the day of the match will open at 10am and general admission spectators are advised to bring their own chairs and picnic blankets to watch the game.

Match-day programmes, which will include a free raffle ticket, can be pre-ordered when purchasing tickets.

Tickets can be purchased via the Suffolk Cricket website or the Woolpit CC Facebook page.

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# Rhodes returns as county's professional for 2023

GEORGE Rhodes is confident Suffolk can challenge for silverware after signing as the county's professional for 2023.

The former Worcestershire and Leicestershire all-rounder impressed after being drafted into the Suffolk side mid-way through last season.

Rhodes, who will celebrate his 30th birthday in October, featured in three of Suffolk's National Counties Cricket Association Championship fixtures plus the NCCA Trophy quarter-final.

He top-scored with 95 and then returned figures of 10-1-32-0 as Suffolk lost to Oxfordshire in that last-eight tie at Banbury CC.

That came just days after making his debut in the three-day defeat to Norfolk, before Rhodes went on to play a prominent role in Suffolk's final two matches as they finished second in Eastern Division One.

He scored 308 runs at an average of 61.60, including 148 in the second innings at Bedfordshire, and claimed nine wickets at 31.33 apiece with figures of 5-36 in the first innings of the same match.

Rhodes, who is aiming to use his experience from the professional game to help the development of Suffolk youngsters, spent the winter in Australia playing as the professional for Newtown & Chilwell CC in the Geelong Cricket Association Premier Division.

He said: "Ultimately, the primary goal for me is to win games of cricket, and I don't see any reason why we can't be right up there like previous years in finals across all formats."

*Right: George Rhodes, who will continue as Suffolk's professional this season after impressing in 2022.*



## Tom Rash to continue Suffolk white-ball career

TOM Rash will be available to continue playing for Suffolk in white-ball cricket this season.

Rash, who will turn 40 in mid-August, announced he would be retiring from all three formats at the end of last season.

However, he subsequently said he would continue to be available for selection in white-ball cricket in 2023. Rash skippered both Suffolk's white-ball sides last season.

The Mildenhall CC all-rounder has rarely missed a match since making his Suffolk debut in 2011 and was a member of the 2022 Eastern Division One title-winning side.

Rash played 53 Championship matches for Suffolk and as a lower-order batter scored 1,876 runs at an average of 25.35. He made 103 not out versus Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe in 2019.

He set a new record ninth-wicket partnership of 136 with Josh Cantrell during that innings.

Rash, who either opened the bowling or came on first change, claimed 117 Championship wickets at an average of 27.53.

*Right: Tom Rash (right) leads the Suffolk players off the field at the end of the Kent Spitfires' innings in last season's NCCA Showcase fixture at Woolpit CC.*





## Claydon would love to play in European Championship again

SUFFOLK all-rounder Ben Claydon said he would jump at the chance to play in the Dream11 European Championship again.

Claydon was selected in the National Counties squad that represented England and reached the final of the T10 competition held in Spain in October.

England, who had won the inaugural competition the previous year, lost to the Netherlands by four wickets with five balls to spare.

As holders, England qualified automatically for Championship week, where they went head-to-head with the four group winners at Cartama Oval on the Costa del Sol.

After losing their opening four games, England won the next four to qualify for Finals Day, where they defeated Scotland by eight runs and then Spain by 15 runs to reach the final.

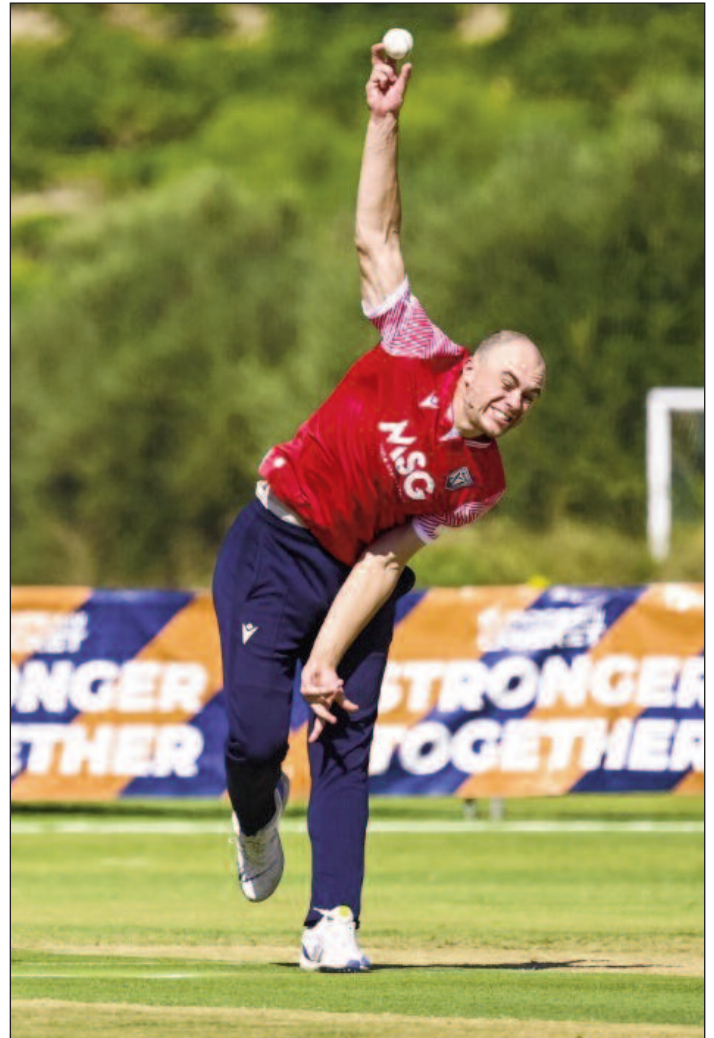
The Copdock & Old Ipswichian all-rounder, who played in ten of England's 11 games, said: "It took a while to get used to it, but I had a great time.

"It was relentless – we played two games a day from Monday to Thursday and then three games on the Friday.

"As a team we knew we were going in fresh, and it showed as we lost our opening four games before then winning six of the next seven."

Claydon produced a man-of-the-match display in one of the group games against the Netherlands, scoring 35 off 15 balls with four sixes and then taking 4-26, including three wickets in four balls, from his two overs.

He added: "It was a really good experience and if I was lucky enough to get the chance, I would love to go back. What I have learnt from this week would certainly stand me in good stead."



*Ben Claydon is pictured bowling against Scotland in the Dream11 European Championship.*

## Ironside is capped after an outstanding run of form

DARREN Ironside's outstanding form for Suffolk in the second half of the season saw him awarded his county cap. The 27-year-old all-rounder, who made his debut for Suffolk in 2017, scored 455 runs in his last four Championship innings as Suffolk recorded back-to-back victories to preserve their Eastern Division One status.

After scoring an undefeated 53 against Kent Spitfires in the NCCA Showcase match at the end of July, Ironside scored 146 and 81 in the five-wicket win against Staffordshire at Checkley CC and 152 and 76 in the 136-run victory over Bedfordshire at Flitwick CC.

Upon reaching 54 in his second innings at Bedfordshire, Ironside passed the qualifying mark of 1,000 Championship runs for Suffolk to earn his county cap.

After starting the season with 563 Championship runs at an average of 22.52, Ironside ended it with 1,022 runs at an average of 32.96.

Ironside, who plays his club cricket for Mildenhall CC, has also taken 17 Championship wickets with his off spin at an average of 45.41 apiece.

He said: "I have loved every minute of it and to contribute



*Darren Ironside (left) is pictured above receiving his cap from Suffolk CCC Chair Andrew Squire (right) after the match versus Bedfordshire at Flitwick CC.*

to the team is always special. It is a real privilege for me to receive my county cap."



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

At Wisbech Town C.C., April 17, 2022  
Competition: NCCA T20 Group 3

Umpires: Suzanne Redfern and Robin Parker  
Scorers: Tai Lim and John Abbott

## Hosts Cambridgeshire record double victory

*First match: Toss won by Suffolk.*

*Cambridgeshire won by 7 wkts*

*Second match: Toss won by Cambridgeshire.*

*Cambridgeshire won by 26 runs*

SUFFOLK suffered a double defeat in the first fixtures under the new white-ball captaincy of Tom Rash.

They went down by seven wickets and then 26 runs at Wisbech Town CC to leave themselves with a mountain to climb to qualify for Finals Day as only the Group winners went through.

Suffolk, without a practice match beforehand, looked 'undercooked' as they lost their first two



wickets with only four runs

on the board in the first match, before recovering to reach 135-5.

Jack Beaumont (47 off 36 balls) top-scored while Josh Cantrell (23) and Darren Ironside (31 not out) made useful contributions. However, Jack Potticary (38 off 28 deliveries) and Nikhil Gorantla (64

*Tristan Blackledge, who took two wickets on his competitive debut for Suffolk versus Cambridgeshire, bowls as Tom Rash looks on in his first match as Suffolk's new white-ball captain.*

not out off 47 balls) saw the hosts safely home with two overs unused.

Cambridgeshire had made 139-7 with two overs remaining in the second match, before Jamie Sykes scored 18 off just seven deliveries to boost their total to 160-8.

There were two wickets apiece for Beaumont, Mildenhall's Tristan Blackledge on his competitive debut and Freddie Heldreich.

Suffolk were well-placed at 85-2 in their reply, but the innings fell away after Ben Claydon, who struck 56 from 42 balls, was fifth man out.

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

J. Beaumont		b Guest	47
B. Claydon	c & b Sykes		0
D. Batch	c Thain	b Vandepeer	2
J. Cantrell	c Potticary	b Sykes	23
D. Ironside	Not Out		31
T. Rash*	c Potticary	b Guest	6
B. Reece	Not Out		14
M. Dias	Did not bat		
J. Marston†	Did not bat		
F. Heldreich	Did not bat		
T. Blackledge	Did not bat		
Extras (lb8, w4)			12
Total (5 wkts) 20 ov			135

Fall: 1 4 57 97 107

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Sykes	4	0	19	2
J. Vandepeer	3	0	12	1
M. Smith	2	0	16	0
W. White	3	0	23	0
B. Cilverd	4	0	26	0
C. Guest	4	0	31	2

### MATCH 1 - CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.

B. Seabrook	lbw	b Rash	1
J. Potticary†	c Rash	b Heldreich	38
N. Gorantla	Not Out		64
N. Thain	lbw	b Cantrell	4
L. Thomason	Not Out		18
C. Guest*	Did not bat		
W. White	Did not bat		
B. Cilverd	Did not bat		
J. Vandepeer	Did not bat		
J. Sykes	Did not bat		
M. Smith	Did not bat		
Extras (lb3, w4, nb 4)			11
Total (3 wkts) 18 ov			136

Fall: 21 69 87

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Beaumont	2	0	18	0
T. Rash	2	0	22	1
T. Blackledge	2	0	15	0
F. Heldreich	4	0	20	1
J. Cantrell	4	0	24	1
B. Reece	1	0	11	0
D. Ironside	2	0	16	0
M. Dias	1	0	7	0

### MATCH 2 - CAMBRIDGESHIRE C.C.C.

B. Seabrook		b Blackledge	11
J. Potticary†	c Rash	b Beaumont	21
N. Gorantla	c Claydon	b Heldreich	9
N. Thain	st Marston	b Beaumont	26
L. Thomason	lbw	b Heldreich	36
W. White		b Blackledge	11
B. Cilverd	Run out (Blackledge)		0
C. Guest*	c Beaumont	b Dias	4
J. Vandepeer	Not Out		8
J. Sykes	Not Out		18
M. Smith	Did not bat		
Extras (b7, lb5, w4)			16
Total (8 wkts) 20 ov			160

Fall: 26 46 46 109 124 126 127 131

Bowling	O	M	R	W
T. Rash	2	1	15	0
T. Blackledge	4	0	29	2
B. Claydon	1	0	15	0
F. Heldreich	4	0	32	2
J. Beaumont	3	0	12	2
J. Cantrell	2	0	15	0
D. Batch	1	0	5	0
M. Dias	3	0	25	1

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

B. Claydon	c Gorantla	b Thain	56
J. Beaumont	c Thain	b White	18
D. Batch	c Cilverd	b Smith	0
J. Cantrell	c Guest	b Cilverd	11
D. Ironside	c & b Cilverd		4
J. Marston†		b Sykes	9
T. Rash*		b Cilverd	1
B. Reece	Not Out		14
T. Blackledge	c & b Sykes		0
F. Heldreich	c & b Sykes		2
M. Dias	Not Out		2
Extras (b 2, lb12, w3)			17
Total (9 wkts) 20 ov			134

Fall: 43 63 85 97 105 108 123 123 127

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Sykes	4	0	19	3
J. Vandepeer	2	0	19	0
W. White	3	0	18	1
M. Smith	2	0	15	1
C. Guest	2	0	13	0
B. Cilverd	4	0	13	3
N. Thain	3	0	23	1

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

At Ipswich School, April 24, 2022  
Competition: NCCA T20 Group 3

Umpires: James Tredwell and Gary Marshall  
Scorers: John Abbott and George Conway

## Claydon stars with bat as honours are shared

*First match: Toss won by Lincolnshire.*

*Suffolk won by 9 wkts*

*Second match: Toss won by Lincolnshire.*

*Lincolnshire won by 11 runs*

BEN Claydon became the first player to score a competitive T20 century for Suffolk as they defeated Lincolnshire by nine wickets.

He thrashed an undefeated 102 off just 47 deliveries with seven sixes and ten fours as Suffolk chased down Lincolnshire's 128-9 in the first match at Ipswich School. Claydon shared an opening stand of 82 in 8.3 overs with Jack Beaumont, before finishing the job in style as Suffolk raced to victory in just 11.2 overs

Beaumont, Josh Cantrell and skipper Tom Rash had earlier taken two wickets apiece as Suffolk recovered well

MATCH 1 - LINCOLNSHIRE C.C.C.				
J. Kendall*	c Marston	b Cantrell	26	
R. Carnelley		b Rash	15	
T. Keast†	c Parker	b Ironside	27	
B. Wright		b Beaumont	6	
D. Freeman	lbw	b Beaumont	0	
L. Bhabra	c Wareing	b Rash	5	
J. Cook	c Parker	b Cantrell	15	
J. Dobson	Not Out		21	
S. Mason		b Blackledge	5	
M. Footitt	Run out (Marston)		1	
M. Hildrith	Did not bat			
	Extras (w7)		7	
	Total (9 wkts) 20 ov		128	

Fall: 38 59 78 78 82 86 110 127 128

Bowling	O	M	R	W
T. Blackledge	3	0	26	1
M. Wareing	2	0	11	0
T. Rash	4	0	21	2
B. Claydon	1	0	10	0
J. Cantrell	4	0	24	2
J. Beaumont	4	0	19	2
D. Ironside	2	0	17	1

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

B. Claydon	Not Out	102
J. Beaumont	c Bhabra b Hildrith	21
J. Rymell	Not Out	5
J. Marston†	Did not bat	
T. Rash*	Did not bat	
A. Oxley	Did not bat	
J. Cantrell	Did not bat	
D. Ironside	Did not bat	
B. Parker	Did not bat	
T. Blackledge	Did not bat	
M. Wareing	Did not bat	
	Extras (w1)	1
	Total (1 wkt) 11.2 ov	129

Fall: 82

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Cook	2	0	30	0
J. Dobson	2	0	19	0
D. Freeman	1	0	15	0
L. Bhabra	1.2	0	14	0
M. Footitt	2	0	21	0
M. Hildrith	3	0	30	1

after the visitors raced to 59-1 off eight overs.

The loss of four wickets in the space of 11 balls in the middle of Lincolnshire's innings saw Suffolk claw their way back into the match.

The visitors turned the tables in game two, again winning the toss and batting first.

Openers Joe Kendall and Ross Carnelley put on 72 in 8.3 overs.

Kendall went on to top score with 82 off 57 deliveries and Ben Wright made an undefeated 41 from 23 balls in their 185-4. Darren Ironside and Alex Oxley both hit the stumps direct as two wickets fell to run outs.

After Suffolk lost three wickets in the opening 13 deliveries of their reply, Claydon and Ben Parker started to

rebuild the innings until Claydon (37 off 27) was out from the first ball of the 12<sup>th</sup> over to leave them 95-5. Parker made 47 off 34 deliveries, Matt Allen a run-a-ball 16 and skipper Tom Rash 39 off 20, but the 15 required off the last over proved too many as they lost by 11 runs.



Ben Claydon strikes one of his seven sixes in his 102 not out versus Lincolnshire at Ipswich School.

### MATCH 2 - LINCOLNSHIRE C.C.C.

J. Kendall*	b Blackledge	82
R. Carnelley	c Parker b Cantrell	35
T. Keast†	Run out (Ironside)	16
B. Wright	Not Out	41
J. Cook	Run out (Oxley)	2
D. Freeman	Not Out	2
M. Hildrith	Did not bat	
L. Bhabra	Did not bat	
M. Footitt	Did not bat	
J. Dobson	Did not bat	
S. Mason	Did not bat	
	Extras (b1, w4, nb 2)	7
	Total (4 wkts) 20 ov	185

Fall: 72 99 161 163

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Beaumont	4	0	27	0
M. Wareing	2	0	24	0
T. Blackledge	3	0	34	1
T. Rash	4	0	43	0
J. Cantrell	4	0	28	1
D. Ironside	3	0	28	0

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

B. Claydon	c Keast	b Footitt	37
J. Beaumont		b Hildrith	1
A. Oxley	lbw	b Dobson	3
J. Cantrell	c Wright	b Bhabra	1
D. Ironside	c Keast	b Wright	16
B. Parker		b Bhabra	47
M. Allen	c Cook	b Dobson	16
T. Rash*	c Wright	b Dobson	39
J. Marston†		b Dobson	0
T. Blackledge	Not Out		1
M. Wareing	Not Out		1
	Extras (b1, lb2, w7, nb2)		12
	Total (9 wkts) 20 ov		174

Fall: 3 6 7 30 95 117 171 171 172

Bowling	O	M	R	W
M. Hildrith	3	0	30	1
J. Dobson	4	0	18	4
L. Bhabra	4	0	39	2
B. Wright	4	0	48	1
M. Footitt	4	0	21	1
D. Freeman	1	0	12	0



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

At Manor Park, May 1, 2022  
Competition: NCCA T20 Group 3

Umpires: Jason Pitcher and Adam Seymour  
Scorers: Allison Bradnock and John Abbott

## Young Guns help Suffolk to defeat neighbours



*Wrist spinner  
Freddie  
Heldreich, who  
opened the  
bowling and  
returned splendid  
figures against  
Norfolk,  
celebrates taking  
a wicket versus  
Hertfordshire at  
Copdock.*

*First match: Toss won by Norfolk.*

*Suffolk won by 23 runs*

*Second match: Toss won by Norfolk.*

*Suffolk won by 6 wickets*

TWO Young Guns made their debuts as Suffolk doubled Norfolk at Manor Park. Sixteen-year-old opening bat Arthur Summers, who plays for Worlington, and Copdock & Old Ipswichian all-rounder Tom Harper, 17, helped Suffolk to record wins by 23 runs and six wickets.

Alex Oxley (47 off 43 balls) and Darren Ironside with a run-a-ball 32 added 81 for the fourth wicket as Suffolk posted 136-6 after being inserted in match one.

Freddie Heldreich, opening the bowling, returned splendid figures of 4-0-12-2 and skipper Tom Rash 3-0-19-2 as Norfolk fell short in their reply, closing on 113-8.

The home team also struggled with the bat in the second match, collapsing from 46-1 at the start of the eighth over to 89-8 in the next ten overs.

Seven wickets fell to Suffolk's four spinners, Jack Beaumont, Josh Cantrell and Ironside picking up two wickets apiece as none of the six bowlers used conceded more than 20 runs.

Suffolk made short shrift of their target of 106, winning by six wickets with 20 balls to spare as Oxley made 42 from 30 balls. Summers, who opened the innings in both matches, scored 21 off 18 balls, and Harper finished undefeated on 19 from 18 deliveries.

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

B. Claydon	c Arthurton	b Bruce	21
A. Summers	st New	b Graveling	16
A. Oxley	c Arthurton	b Metcalf	47
J. Cantrell	Run out (Stolworthy)		0
D. Ironside	st New	b Findlay	32
T. Rash*	c Stolworthy	b Hanby	5
J. Beaumont	Not Out		5
J. Marston†	Not Out		1
A. Northcote	Did not bat		
F. Heldreich	Did not bat		
T. Harper	Did not bat		
Extras (lb1, w6, nb2)			9
Total (6 wickets) 20 ov			136

Fall: 27 42 42 123 130 131

Bowling	O	M	R	W
C. Graveling	4	1	19	1
C. Metcalf	4	0	26	1
A. Hanby	3	0	25	1
G. Bruce	3	0	14	1
R. Findlay	4	0	30	1
B. Stolworthy	2	0	21	0

### MATCH 1 - NORFOLK C.C.C.

S. Arthurton*	lbw	b Beaumont	4
R. Findlay	c & b Claydon		13
B. Wilcox	c Marston	b Heldreich	31
W. Rogers	c Heldreich	b Ironside	10
T. New†	Run out (Oxley)		22
B. Stolworthy	c Harper	b Rash	11
W. Bowman	c Beaumont	b Heldreich	1
C. Metcalf	c Marston	b Rash	5
G. Bruce	Not Out		0
A. Hanby	Not Out		4
C. Graveling	Did not bat		
Extras (b5, lb2, w5)			12
Total (8 wickets) 20 ov			113

Fall: 4 30 59 69 96 99 109 109

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Beaumont	3	0	21	1
F. Heldreich	4	0	12	2
T. Rash	3	0	19	2
B. Claydon	3	0	18	1
J. Cantrell	3	0	19	0
D. Ironside	4	0	17	1

### MATCH 2 - NORFOLK C.C.C.

S. Arthurton*	c Marston	b Cantrell	20
R. Findlay	c Rash	b Cantrell	2
B. Wilcox	lbw	b Beaumont	23
W. Rogers	c Northcote	b Ironside	9
T. New†	c Rash	b Heldreich	11
B. Stolworthy		b Ironside	5
W. Bowman	c Oxley	b Beaumont	3
C. Metcalf	Not Out		15
G. Bruce	c Oxley	b Claydon	0
A. Hanby	Not Out		6
C. Graveling	Did not bat		
Extras (lb3, w6, nb2)			11
Total (8 wickets) 20 ov			105

Fall: 3 46 57 61 69 77 89 89

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Beaumont	4	0	20	2
F. Heldreich	4	0	17	1
J. Cantrell	4	0	15	2
T. Rash	2	0	18	0
B. Claydon	2	0	15	1
D. Ironside	4	0	17	2

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

B. Claydon	b Graveling	7
A. Summers	Run out (Arthurton)	21
A. Oxley	c Hanby	b Stolworthy 42
J. Cantrell	st New	b Findlay 2
D. Ironside	Not Out	10
T. Harper	Not Out	19
T. Rash*	Did not bat	
J. Marston†	Did not bat	
J. Beaumont	Did not bat	
A. Northcote	Did not bat	
F. Heldreich	Did not bat	
Extras (lb6, w2)		8
Total (4 wickets) 16.4 ov		109

Fall: 18 52 55 80

Bowling	O	M	R	W
G. Bruce	2	0	14	0
C. Graveling	3	0	15	1
R. Findlay	4	0	19	1
W. Rogers	3	0	26	0
B. Stolworthy	2.4	0	19	1
S. Arthurton	2	0	10	0

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

At Copdock & O.I. C.C., May 2, 2022  
Competition: NCCA T20 Group 3

Umpires: Gary Marshall and Stephen Ross  
Scorers: John Abbott and Connor Mulholland

## T20 campaign ends in disappointing fashion



*Suffolk celebrate taking a wicket against Hertfordshire at Copdock.*

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

B. Claydon	c Chapman	b Waring	12
A. Summers	c Chapman	b Kulkarni	9
J. Rymell	lbw	b Tyrrell	2
A. Oxley†	c Tyrrell	b Gosling	30
J. Cantrell	c Gosling	b Waring	2
D. Ironside	Run out (Wijesuriya)		51
J. Beaumont	st Wijesuriya	b Southgate	0
B. Parker	c Gosling	b Kulkarni	20
T. Rash*	c Buttleman	b Kulkarni	0
T. Blackledge	Not Out		2
F. Heldreich	Not Out		4
Extras (lb6, w9, nb2)			17
Total (9 wkts) 16.4 ov			149

Fall: 11 14 42 44 80 81 138 138 145

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A. Kulkarni	4	0	24	3
L. Tyrrell	4	0	24	1
L. Chapman	4	0	22	0
B. Waring	3	0	28	2
J. Southgate	3	0	27	1
A. Gosling	2	0	18	1

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

W. Buttleman	lbw	b Rash	12
J. Latham	c Ironside	b Claydon	7
R. Hussain*	c & b Heldreich		4
J. Southgate	Not Out		74
D. Burnell	c Rash	b Heldreich	23
A. Wijesuriya	lbw	b Blackledge	16
L. Tyrrell	Not Out		5
L. Chapman	Did not bat		
B. Waring	Did not bat		
A. Kulkarni	Did not bat		
A. Gosling	Did not bat		
Extras (b4, lb5, w2)			11
Total (5 wkts) 19.4 ov			152

Fall: 19 19 35 96 130

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Beaumont	3	0	26	0
B. Claydon	2	0	12	1
T. Blackledge	4	0	32	1
T. Rash	3.4	0	27	1
J. Cantrell	2	0	9	0
F. Heldreich	4	0	30	2
D. Ironside	1	0	7	0

*First match: Toss won by Suffolk.*

*Hertfordshire won by 5 wkts*

*Second match: Toss won by Hertfordshire.*

*Hertfordshire won by 8 wkts*

SUFFOLK were well beaten in both matches as their T20 campaign ended in disappointing fashion.

Following the previous day's two wins in Norfolk, Suffolk were second best to their visitors, who won by five wickets and eight wickets.

Darren Ironside and Alex Oxley continued their good form with the bat as Suffolk made 149-9 in match one, Ironside scoring 51 from 37 deliveries and Oxley 30 from 26.

After eight overs Hertfordshire were wobbling at 36-3, but Jamie Southgate's 74 not out (ten fours and two sixes) from 48 balls saw the visitors win with two balls unused.

Suffolk posted exactly the same score second time around, Ben Claydon top-scoring with 32, but Hertfordshire raced to 51 off the opening four overs of their reply. Will Buttleman struck each of the first four balls of the innings to the boundary as he led the charge with 42 off 19 balls in an opening partnership of 64 with James Latham.

Reece Hussain (42 off 26 deliveries) and Latham, who ended undefeated on 56 from 37, added 59 for the second wicket as Hertfordshire knocked off the required runs with five overs in hand.

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

B. Claydon	c Wijesuriya	b Chapman	32
A. Summers	c Burnell	b Kulkarni	9
J. Rymell	c Tyrrell	b Waring	9
A. Oxley†		b Waring	4
J. Cantrell	c Hussain	b Southgate	19
D. Ironside	c & b Kulkarni		6
T. Rash*	c Gosling	b Southgate	20
B. Parker	Not Out		14
J. Beaumont	c Gosling	b Kulkarni	17
F. Heldreich	Run out (Buttleman)		4
M. Wareing	Did not bat		
Extras (b4, lb1, w8, nb2)			15
Total (9 wkts) 20 ov			149

Fall: 21 38 51 75 87 91 119 139 149

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A. Kulkarni	4	0	30	3
L. Tyrrell	4	0	26	0
L. Chapman	4	0	32	1
B. Waring	3	0	20	2
A. Gosling	1	0	8	0
J. Southgate	4	0	28	2

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

W. Buttleman	c Cantrell	b Heldreich	42
J. Latham	Not Out		56
R. Hussain*	c Beaumont	b Wareing	42
J. Southgate	Not Out		9
D. Burnell	Did not bat		
A. Wijesuriya	Did not bat		
L. Tyrrell	Did not bat		
L. Chapman	Did not bat		
B. Waring	Did not bat		
A. Kulkarni	Did not bat		
A. Gosling	Did not bat		
Extras (w6)			6
Total (2 wkts) 15 ov			155

Fall: 64 123

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. Beaumont	1	0	18	0
M. Wareing	4	0	35	1
B. Claydon	1	0	14	0
F. Heldreich	3	0	33	1
T. Rash	3	0	28	0
J. Cantrell	2	0	19	0
D. Ironside	1	0	8	0



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

At Wamil Way, May 29, 2022  
Competition: NCCA Trophy

Umpires: Duncan Jones and Gary Marshall  
Scorers: John Abbott and Allison Bradnock

*Toss won by Suffolk (bowl). Suffolk won by 9 wickets*

## Norfolk are crushed in opening group game

NICK Browne and Ben Claydon shared a second-wicket stand of 149 as Suffolk crushed Norfolk in their opening Group 3 game.

Browne, whose only previous appearance for Suffolk was back in 2013, scored 90 and Claydon 80 to usher Suffolk to victory with 20 balls remaining.

Essex opener Browne struck eight fours and a six to finish the match from 110 balls received, while Claydon's knock occupied 102 deliveries and was laced with nine fours and six.

Their partnership followed an opening stand of 83 between Browne and Jack Beaumont, who struck nine boundaries in his 53 from 45 balls.

Rain meant that the start was delayed by 90 minutes and the match was reduced from 50 overs to 46-per-side.

Norfolk, who were put into bat, made a flying start as 40 runs came from the opening six overs before Tristan Blackledge struck with his first ball.

Blackledge and fellow Mildenhall all-rounder Tom Rash applied some pressure to slow the scoring rate, before a low catch at short mid-on by Ben Shepperson accounted for the key wicket of skipper Sam Arthurton.

Tom New (70 off 63 deliveries) and Sam King (47 off 51) added 107 inside 17 overs to bolster the visitors' total to 229-6 as Beaumont finished with 3-43 and Blackledge 2-31.



*Nick Browne drives during his innings of 90 not out versus Norfolk in Suffolk's nine-wicket win.*

### Norfolk C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Sam Arthurton*	c Shepperson b Beaumont	41	82	90	53	3	0	50.0
Freddie Fairley	c Rash b Blackledge	18	19	24	13	3	0	94.7
Jason Reynolds	c Browne b Beaumont	26	45	55	28	2	0	57.8
Tom New †	c Parker b Beaumont	70	63	76	23	7	1	111.1
Samuel King	c Shepperson b Blackledge	47	51	59	23	6	0	92.2
Will Rogers	Run out (Marston/Rash)	7	9	15	3	0	0	77.8
Ryan Findlay	Not Out	10	7	9	1	1	0	142.9
Charlie Rogers	Did not bat							
Brett Stolworthy	Did not bat							
Callum Metcalf	Did not bat							
Andy Hanby	Did not bat							
Extras	b 2, lb 4, w 4	10						
<b>TOTAL</b>	6 wickets, 46 overs	229	276	165	144	22	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-40	6.1	Freddie Fairley	6-229	45.6	Will Rogers
2-92	21.6	Jason Reynolds			
3-97	25.5	Sam Arthurton			
4-204	42.3	Samuel King			
5-214	43.5	Tom New			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	9	0	46	0	0	3	29	4	0	5.1
Dominic Manthorpe	5	1	39	0	0	0	12	6	0	7.8
Tristan Blackledge	9	1	31	2	0	0	32	2	0	3.4
Ben Claydon	2	0	9	0	0	0	6	1	0	4.5
Jack Beaumont	9	0	43	3	0	1	26	3	1	4.8
Josh Cantrell	10	1	44	0	0	0	32	4	0	4.4
Darren Ironside	2	0	11	0	0	0	7	2	0	5.5

### Suffolk C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Nick Browne	Not Out	90	110	142	57	8	1	81.8
Jack Beaumont	lbw b W Rogers	53	45	51	23	9	0	117.8
Ben Claydon	Not Out	80	102	91	64	9	1	78.4
Jacob Marston†	Did not bat							
Tom Rash*	Did not bat							
Tristan Blackledge	Did not bat							
Josh Cantrell	Did not bat							
Darren Ironside	Did not bat							
Ben Shepperson	Did not bat							
Dominic Manthorpe	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 5, w 2, nb 2	9						
<b>TOTAL</b>	1 wickets, 42.4 overs	232	257	141	144	26	2	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-83	13.6	Jack Beaumont			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Andy Hanby	8.4	0	28	0	0	1	39	2	1	3.2
Callum Metcalf	4	0	21	0	0	0	15	4	0	5.3
Brett Stolworthy	5	0	38	0	0	1	16	5	1	7.6
Charlie Rogers	10	1	68	0	1	0	31	10	0	6.8
Will Rogers	9	1	49	1	0	0	26	5	0	5.4
Ryan Findlay	5	0	20	0	0	0	14	0	0	4.0
Sam Arthurton	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3.0

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

At Sudbury C.C., June 19, 2022

Competition: NCCA Trophy

Umpires: Brian Jones and James Tredwell

Scorers: John Abbott and Ian Rippington

*Toss won by Suffolk (bat). Cambridgeshire won by 2 wickets*

## Poor shot selection proves costly for Suffolk



*Suffolk's Matt Allen hits out on his way to top-scoring with 46 against Cambridgeshire at Sudbury.*

SUFFOLK'S chances of qualifying for the knock-out stages were left in the balance after losing by two wickets to Cambridgeshire at Sudbury CC.

The home team were left to rue some poor shot selection after they were bowled out for 195 in 44.3 of their allotted 50 overs.

Nick Browne, who was dropped twice early on, top-scored with 73 from 83 balls with nine fours and shared a fifth-wicket partnership of 59 after being joined by Matt Allen with Suffolk 70-4 after 13.3 overs. Allen, who made 46, and Alex Quinn, called up for his debut on his home ground, were both smartly stumped down the legside by Jack Potticary.

Although Tom Rash and Jacob Marston both reached double figures in the later stages, Suffolk innings looked to be under par.

And so it proved as Potticary (35 off 43 balls) and Nikhil Gorantla with a run-a-ball 40 set the visitors on course for victory despite a good opening spell by Tristan Blackledge, who took the first two wickets to fall.

Suffolk's bowlers kept it tight, with Tom Rash returning to the attack to claim two wickets, but Cambridgeshire ensured the run-rate never crept up. Wayne White, who arrived at the crease with the total on 107-4, struck an undefeated 55 off 66 deliveries with nine fours to steer Cambridgeshire home with six overs to spare.

### Suffolk C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Nick Browne	c Porter b Clilverd	73	83	102	38	9	0	88.0
Jack Beaumont	b Smith	5	11	15	9	1	0	45.5
Ben Claydon	c Potticary b Smith	10	9	9	5	2	0	111.1
Ben Parker	c Potticary b White	9	8	18	5	2	0	112.5
Josh Cantrell	lbw b White	1	5	9	4	0	0	20.0
Matt Allen	st Potticary b Clilverd	46	74	79	46	6	0	62.2
Alex Quin	st Potticary b Clilverd	6	15	22	9	0	0	40.0
Tom Rash*	c & b Clilverd	18	20	23	9	2	0	90.0
Dominic Manthorpe	c Gorantla b Sykes	1	12	11	11	0	0	8.3
Jacob Marston†	b Porter	12	21	18	15	2	0	57.1
Tristan Blackledge	Not Out	3	9	14	6	0	0	33.3
Extras	b 4, lb 3, w 4	11						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 44.3 overs	195	267	162	157	24	0	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-29	4.4	Jack Beaumont	6-154	33.5	Alex Quin
2-42	6.6	Ben Claydon	7-164	35.4	Matt Allen
3-60	11.3	Ben Parker	8-173	38.6	Dominic Manthorpe
4-70	13.3	Josh Cantrell	9-177	39.5	Tom Rash
5-129	27.5	Nick Browne	10-195	44.3	Jacob Marston

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Matt Smith	8	0	35	2	0	1	30	5	0	4.4
Wayne White	7	0	37	2	0	1	24	6	0	5.3
James Sykes	10	1	29	1	0	0	40	3	0	2.9
Jamie Porter	7.3	1	33	1	0	0	27	5	0	4.4
Ben Clilverd	10	0	44	4	0	2	28	3	0	4.4
Nikhil Gorantla	2	1	10	0	0	0	8	2	0	5.0

### Cambridgeshire C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Ben Seabrook	b Blackledge	8	22	30	17	1	0	36.4
Jack Potticary†	c Parker b Beaumont	35	43	55	26	4	1	81.4
Luke Spears	b Blackledge	8	14	15	10	1	0	57.1
Nikhil Gorantla	lbw b Cantrell	40	40	37	24	6	1	100.0
Lee Thomason	b Beaumont	10	17	24	8	0	0	58.8
Wayne White	Not Out	55	66	85	40	9	0	83.3
Callum Guest*	lbw b Rash	8	25	26	17	0	0	32.0
Ben Clilverd	b Rash	9	17	17	14	2	0	52.9
James Sykes	c Manthorpe b Blackledge	9	15	32	10	1	0	60.0
Matt Smith	Not Out	4	5	5	4	1	0	80.0
Jamie Porter	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 4, w 6	10						
<b>TOTAL</b>	8 wickets, 44 overs	196	264	165	170	25	2	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-29	7.5	Ben Seabrook	6-142	31.1	Callum Guest
2-44	11.4	Luke Spears	7-158	35.4	Ben Clilverd
3-62	14.4	Jack Potticary	8-191	42.6	James Sykes
4-107	21.5	Lee Thomason			
5-113	22.5	Nikhil Gorantla			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	10	2	37	2	0	1	42	6	0	3.7
Tristan Blackledge	9	1	32	3	0	3	38	3	0	3.6
Dominic Manthorpe	2	0	11	0	0	0	9	1	1	5.5
Jack Beaumont	10	0	48	2	0	0	31	4	1	4.8
Ben Claydon	7	1	34	0	0	1	30	7	0	4.9
Josh Cantrell	6	0	30	1	0	0	20	4	0	5.0



# Cheshire C.C.C. v Suffolk C.C.C.

At Didsbury C.C., June 26, 2022

Competition: NCCA Trophy

Umpires: Keith Law and Steve Beswick

Scorers: Jim Law and John Abbott

*Toss won by Suffolk (bat). Suffolk won by 66 runs*

## Claydon century sees Suffolk secure last-eight spot

BEN Claydon's splendid century powered Suffolk into the quarter-finals thanks to a 66-run success against Cheshire.

Claydon struck 123 off 127 balls with 16 fours and shared a fourth-wicket alliance worth 137 with Alex Oxley, who made 50 from 75 balls.

The pair came together in the 12<sup>th</sup> over with Suffolk 70-3 and were not parted until the 39<sup>th</sup> over.

Oxley's dismissal brought Ben Parker to the wicket and he smashed 50 off just 22 balls, with sixes fours and three sixes, as Suffolk plundered 65 runs in just 5.2 overs.

Both Claydon and Parker fell in the space of six balls to leave Suffolk 280-6 with five overs remaining, and the innings petered out, leaving the hosts requiring 305 for victory.

The pivotal moment in the match came in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over with Cheshire 131-2 when Matt Allen deflected a straight drive off his bowling onto the stumps at the non-striker's end to run out Robert Sehmi for 73 from 64 deliveries.

Cheshire then lost three further wickets in the next six overs to slip to 166-6, which included a first wicket on his debut for Josh Frame.

Suffolk wrapped up victory as Josh Cantrell claimed the final three wickets to fall to finish with 3-51, while Allen and Tom Rash picked up two wickets apiece.



*Josh Frame bowling on his debut for Suffolk in the 66-run victory over Cheshire at Didsbury C.C.*

### Suffolk C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Jack Beaumont	Run out	31	29	35	14	5	0	106.9
Darren Batch	c Wainwright b Lord	0	4	10	4	0	0	0.0
Ben Claydon	b Anderson	123	127	142	56	16	0	96.9
Andrew Northcote†	c & b Anderson	9	10	15	4	1	0	90.0
Alex Oxley	lbw b Green	50	75	81	38	4	0	66.7
Ben Parker	c Perry b Young	50	23	25	6	6	3	217.4
Tom Rash*	b Young	14	15	20	5	1	0	93.3
Josh Cantrell	b Anderson	2	2	2	1	0	0	100.0
Matt Allen	c Lord b Young	3	7	14	4	0	0	42.9
Josh Frame	Not Out	3	2	4	0	0	0	150.0
Patrick Sadler	c Sehmi b Young	0	1	1	1	0	0	0.0
Extras	lb 4, w 13, nb 2	19						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 49 overs	304	295	177	132	33	3	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-9	2.2	Darren Batch	6-280	44.6	Ben Parker
2-48	8.6	Jack Beaumont	7-283	45.3	Josh Cantrell
3-70	12.5	Andrew Northcote	8-301	48.2	Tom Rash
4-207	38.4	Alex Oxley	9-304	48.5	Matt Allen
5-272	43.6	Ben Claydon	10-304	48.6	Patrick Sadler

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Rob Lord	4	0	31	1	0	0	10	5	0	7.8
Chris Stenhouse	6	0	23	0	0	0	25	4	0	3.8
Nick D Anderson	10	0	64	3	1	1	21	5	1	6.4
David Wainwright	8	0	52	0	0	0	21	4	2	6.5
Steven Green	10	0	61	1	0	3	30	7	0	6.1
Andrew Duffy	8	1	51	0	0	2	17	6	0	6.4
Luke Young	3	0	18	4	0	0	8	2	0	6.0

### Cheshire C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Robert Sehmi*†	Run out (Allen)	73	64	80	27	9	1	114.1
Sam Perry	c Northcote b Rash	18	21	25	13	3	0	85.7
Timothy Hughes	c Northcote b Allen	21	29	38	17	3	0	72.4
Alex Money	c Claydon b Allen	23	21	25	11	4	0	109.5
David Wainwright	c Cantrell b Beaumont	0	2	4	2	0	0	0.0
Nick D Anderson	c Northcote b Frame	14	21	22	13	2	0	66.7
Luke Young	c & b Cantrell	31	51	54	28	2	0	60.8
Rob Lord	c Claydon b Rash	2	8	13	6	0	0	25.0
Steven Green	c & b Cantrell	24	26	31	12	3	0	92.3
Chris Stenhouse	Not Out	5	10	16	5	0	0	50.0
Andrew Duffy	c Parker b Cantrell	8	9	7	5	1	0	88.9
Extras	b 1, lb 6, w 10, nb 2	19						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 43.3 overs	238	262	159	138	27	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-32	6.3	Sam Perry	6-166	27.2	Nick D Anderson
2-96	16.5	Timothy Hughes	7-178	31.3	Rob Lord
3-131	21.2	Robert Sehmi	8-216	39.1	Luke Young
4-137	22.1	David Wainwright	9-223	41.3	Steven Green
5-145	22.3	Alex Money	10-238	43.3	Andrew Duffy

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	8	0	39	2	1	1	31	6	0	4.9
Ben Claydon	6	0	24	0	0	0	22	3	0	4.0
Patrick Sadler	3	0	23	0	0	0	5	3	0	7.7
Josh Cantrell	8.3	0	51	3	0	1	22	4	1	6.0
Matt Allen	6	0	37	2	0	3	20	4	0	6.2
Jack Beaumont	10	0	46	1	0	0	33	6	0	4.6
Josh Frame	2	0	11	1	0	0	5	1	0	5.5

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

At Banbury C.C., July 17, 2022

Competition: NCCA Trophy

Umpires: P. Whitney and Geoff Callaway

Scorers: Christopher Cox and John Abbott

Toss won by Suffolk (bat). Oxfordshire won by 3 wickets

## Currill's late assault delivers knock out blow



Josh Cantrell scored an undefeated 29 off 20 balls in Suffolk's innings.

SUFFOLK saw victory slip from their grasp under Oliver Currill's late assault.

Oxfordshire, chasing 282 to win, required 109 off 10.2 overs with five wickets remaining when Currill arrived at the crease.

Seventy runs were still needed off the final four overs with three wickets intact after Darren Batch (10-0-40-2) and George Rhodes (10-1-32-0) had seemingly bowled Suffolk into a winning position. The following three overs went for 19, 22 and 17 as the ball disappeared to all parts, leaving Oxfordshire 12 to win off the final over.

Jack Beaumont limited Currill and Prav Chahal to eight off the first five deliveries, but Currill then smashed his eighth six off a waist-high full toss to end on 76 off just 35 deliveries and send Oxfordshire into the semi-finals.

Suffolk had posted 281-7 underpinned by George Rhodes' excellent 95 off 103 balls with seven fours. He added 80 for the third wicket with Alex Oxley (42 off 70 balls) in 19 overs and 54 in 10 overs with Ben Parker.

Darren Ironside, a late replacement for Covid victim Ben Claydon, scored a run-a-ball 45 and together with Josh Cantrell (29 off 20 balls) added 68 in only eight overs, before Tom Rash struck 11 off three deliveries including Suffolk's only six off the last ball.

### Suffolk C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Jack Beaumont	c Lion-Cachet b Shurmer	14	14	17	10	3	0	100.0
Andrew Northcote†	lbw b Shurmer	9	18	31	13	1	0	50.0
George Rhodes	c Clarke b Thomas	95	103	143	41	7	0	92.2
Alex Oxley	c sub (Treasure) b Thomas	42	70	68	44	3	0	60.0
Ben Parker	b Shurmer	21	25	36	12	2	0	84.0
Darren Batch	lbw b Tait	0	2	4	2	0	0	0.0
Darren Ironside	c Clarke b Chahal	45	45	55	18	4	0	100.0
Josh Cantrell	Not Out	29	20	38	4	3	0	145.0
Tom Rash*	Not Out	11	3	4	0	1	1	366.7
Patrick Sadler	Did not bat							
L. Froggatt	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 7, w 8	15						
<b>TOTAL</b>	7 wickets, 50 overs	281	300	200	144	24	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-17	3.6	Jack Beaumont	6-197	41.4	George Rhodes
2-30	7.1	Andrew Northcote	7-265	49.1	Darren Ironside
3-110	25.4	Alex Oxley			
4-164	35.5	Ben Parker			
5-165	36.2	Darren Batch			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Oliver Currill	7	0	43	0	0	0	21	6	0	6.1
Robbie Shurmer	10	2	34	3	0	0	41	4	0	3.4
Joe Thomas	10	0	63	2	0	1	25	6	0	6.3
Prav Chahal	10	0	60	1	0	0	28	5	1	6.0
George Tait	10	0	57	1	0	2	24	3	0	5.7
Oliver Clarke	3	0	17	0	0	0	5	0	0	5.7

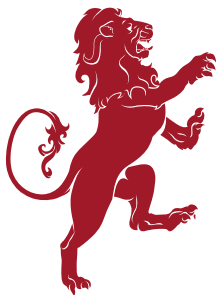
### Oxfordshire C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Harrison Smith	b Rash	8	15	18	10	1	0	53.3
Freddie Smith	Run out (Sadler)	47	76	88	52	6	0	61.8
Zach Lion-Cachet	b Sadler	15	24	42	15	2	0	62.5
Oliver Clarke	c Rhodes b Batch	57	66	87	35	7	0	86.4
Jonathan Cater††	Run out (Northcote)	41	64	81	32	2	0	64.1
George Tait	c sub (Harper) b Batch	1	5	7	4	0	0	20.0
Oliver Currill	Not Out	76	35	50	9	3	8	217.1
Jack Beaumont	b Sadler	0	1	1	1	0	0	0.0
Pav Chahal	Not Out	19	16	33	5	1	1	118.8
Robbie Shurmer	Did not bat							
Joe Thomas	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 2, w 14, nb 4	20						
<b>TOTAL</b>	7 wickets, 50 overs	284	302	206	163	22	9	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-19	4.3	Harrison Smith	6-194	43.1	Jonathan Cater
2-59	14.5	Zach Lion-Cachet	7-194	43.2	Jacob Townsend
3-87	20.6	Freddie Smith			
4-169	37.5	Oliver Clarke			
5-173	39.4	George Tait			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	8	1	48	1	1	5	27	4	1	6.0
Darren Batch	10	0	40	2	0	3	41	4	1	4.0
Patrick Sadler	9	0	61	2	0	3	28	4	3	6.8
Josh Cantrell	3	0	18	0	0	1	8	2	0	6.0
Jack Beaumont	10	0	83	0	1	1	22	5	4	8.3
George Rhodes	10	1	32	0	0	0	37	3	0	3.2





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

At Bury St Edmunds, July 3-5, 2022  
Competition: NCCA Championship, Eastern Division

Umpires: Ray Medland and Paul Nicholls  
Scorers: John Abbott and Shelley Clayton

*Toss won by Suffolk (bat). Lincolnshire won by 8 wickets.  
Suffolk 5pts, Lincolnshire 21pts*



## Suffolk C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Michael Godwin	c Keast b Free	16	28	33	21	3	0	57.1
Alex Quin	c Keast b Free	4	7	13	6	1	0	57.1
Alex Oxley	c Cook b Dobson	31	54	74	39	3	0	57.4
Ben Claydon	c Footitt b Freeman	38	40	58	27	8	0	95.0
Ben Parker	c Keast b Freeman	47	100	123	79	6	1	47.0
Ben Shepperson	c Cook b Dobson	2	13	18	12	0	0	15.4
Andrew Northcote†	c Keast b Footitt	8	25	30	21	1	0	32.0
Josh Cantrell	c Keast b Freeman	22	42	62	30	2	0	52.4
Jack Beaumont*	c Kendall b Dobson	23	27	32	17	4	0	85.2
Tom Rash	c Keast b Footitt	15	43	64	34	2	0	34.9
Matt Wareing	Not Out	11	24	40	19	2	0	45.8
Extras	lb 5	5						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 67.1 overs	222	403	276	305	32	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-10	3.1	Alex Quin	6-113	33.3	Andrew Northcote
2-25	7.4	Michael Godwin	7-161	49.6	Josh Cantrell
3-89	20.6	Alex Oxley	8-168	51.6	Ben Parker
4-89	21.3	Ben Claydon	9-192	58.2	Jack Beaumont
5-96	26.1	Ben Shepperson	10-222	67.1	Tom Rash

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Mark Footitt	19.1	1	77	2	0	0	79	11	0	4.0
Curtis Free	12	3	25	2	0	0	59	3	0	2.1
Daniel Freeman	16	3	44	3	0	0	78	8	0	2.8
James Dobson	12	2	40	3	0	0	57	7	0	3.3
Mason Hilldrith	8	1	31	0	0	0	32	3	1	3.9

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Tom Rash	lbw b Free	1	6	5	5	0	0	16.7
Alex Quin	b Free	2	12	16	10	0	0	16.7
Alex Oxley	b Free	11	33	56	27	1	0	33.3
Ben Claydon	c Keast b Footitt	5	6	6	4	1	0	83.3
Ben Parker	c Keast b Footitt	0	12	18	12	0	0	0.0
Ben Shepperson	lbw b Free	0	1	3	1	0	0	0.0
Andrew Northcote†	lbw b Free	12	36	44	30	1	0	33.3
Josh Cantrell	c Keast b Footitt	12	13	25	8	2	0	92.3
Jack Beaumont*	c Timby b Footitt	19	22	26	14	3	0	86.4
Matt Wareing	Not Out	5	6	24	4	1	0	83.3
Michael Godwin	Absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Extras	b 9 lb 4, nb 4	17						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 24.1 overs	84	147	113	113	9	0	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-1	1.2	Tom Rash	6-25	13.2	Alex Oxley
2-8	3.4	Alex Quin	7-48	18.6	Josh Cantrell
3-13	4.5	Ben Claydon	8-48	19.5	Andrew Northcote
4-21	8.6	Ben Parker	9-84	24.1	Jack Beaumont
5-22	9.4	Ben Shepperson			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Mark Footitt	12.1	1	35	4	2	0	57	4	0	2.9
Curtis Free	11	3	31	5	0	0	53	5	0	2.8
Daniel Freeman	1	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	5.0

## Lincolnshire C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Joseph Kendall*	c Northcote b Wareing	11	24	27	18	1	0	45.8
Jack Timby	c Wareing b Rash	50	49	60	30	10	0	102.0
Ben Wright	lbw b Claydon	16	48	83	35	1	0	33.3
Tom Keast†	c Northcote b Beaumont	50	80	91	56	4	2	62.5
Jordan Cook	c Claydon b Cantrell	20	38	33	29	3	0	52.6
Daniel Freeman	Not Out	16	35	56	27	2	0	45.7
Drew Sylvester	b Beaumont	4	5	8	4	1	0	80.0
James Dobson	c Northcote b Rash	11	24	24	17	1	0	45.8
Mark Footitt	c Claydon b Rash	1	9	8	8	0	0	11.1
Curtis Free	lbw b Beaumont	0	6	7	6	0	0	0.0
Mason Hilldrith	Absent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Extras	lb 2, w 1, nb 2	5						
<b>TOTAL</b>	9 wkts, 52.5 overs	184	318	200	229	23	2	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-26	6.5	Joseph Kendall	6-154	42.3	Drew Sylvester
2-66	13.5	Jack Timby	7-173	49.1	James Dobson
3-108	27.2	Ben Wright	8-175	51.2	Mark Footitt
4-146	37.5	Jordan Cook	9-184	52.5	Curtis Free
5-150	40.4	Tom Keast			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	17	3	41	3	1	0	77	3	0	2.4
Ben Claydon	8	0	51	1	0	0	28	10	0	6.4
Matt Wareing	6	0	28	1	0	1	23	4	0	4.7
Jack Beaumont	17.5	3	55	3	0	0	81	5	2	3.1
Josh Cantrell	4	1	7	1	0	0	20	1	0	1.8

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Joseph Kendall*	c Northcote b Wareing	20	29	32	19	3	0	69.0
Jack Timby	c Oxley b Wareing	9	10	20	7	1	0	90.0
Ben Wright	Not Out	27	35	52	20	2	1	77.1
Tom Keast†	Not Out	63	46	39	20	9	1	137.0
Jordan Cook	Did not bat							
Daniel Freeman	Did not bat							
James Dobson	Did not bat							
Mark Footitt	Did not bat							
Mason Hilldrith	Did not bat							
Curtis Free	Did not bat							
Drew Sylvester	Did not bat							
Extras	b 1, lb 5, w 1	7						
<b>TOTAL</b>	2 wickets, 20 overs	126	120	72	66	15	2	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-26	5.1	Jack Timby			
2-38	7.5	Joseph Kendall			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	4	0	18	0	0	0	16	3	0	4.5
Jack Beaumont	7	0	45	0	0	0	20	4	1	6.4
Matt Wareing	3	0	17	2	0	1	11	3	0	5.7
Josh Cantrell	4	0	31	0	0	0	14	5	1	7.8
Ben Claydon	2	0	9	0	0	0	5	0	0	4.5

# Suffolk surrender initiative to lose in two days

SORRY Suffolk slumped to an eight-wicket loss inside two days at Bury St Edmunds.

The defeat was all the more unexpected after Suffolk held a 34-run lead on first innings.

All ten of Suffolk's wickets fell to catches – wicket-keeper Tom Keast taking six of them – thanks to some poor shots as they were dismissed for 222 in just 67.1 overs, Ben Parker top-scoring with 47.

Michael Godwin, who missed the second day due to food poisoning and Alex Quin, called up after George Rhodes dropped out due to Covid, had both opened the batting on debut.

Lincolnshire ended day one on 150-5 after losing two late wickets and Suffolk swept aside the tail on the second morning, with the injured Mason Hildrith unable to bat.

Suffolk were then bowled out for just 84 in 24.1 overs as Curtis Free (11-3-31-5) and Mark Footitt (12.1-1-35-4) scythed through their line-up.

Keast, who along with Jack Timby, had scored a half century in the first innings, scored 63 off 46 deliveries as the visitors wrapped up a comfortable victory in just 20 overs before tea on day two.

*Right: Ben Parker picks up runs on the legside during his first innings knock of 47.*

*Below: Jack Beaumont bowling during Lincolnshire's first innings in which he took his 50<sup>th</sup> Championship wicket.*







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

At Woolpit C.C., July 10-12, 2022

Competition: NCCA Championship, Eastern Division

Umpires: Tim Caldicott and Chris Johnson

Scorers: John Abbott and Allison Bradnock



*Toss won by Norfolk (bat). Norfolk won by 286 runs.*

*Suffolk 2pts, Norfolk 24pts*

## Norfolk C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Ethan Metcalf	c Beaumont b Wareing	23	57	62	47	4	0	40.4
Sam Arthurton*	c Northcote b Froggatt	85	149	208	110	14	0	57.0
Alfie Cooper	c Froggatt b Rhodes	126	154	184	101	21	0	81.8
Tom New†	b Beaumont	56	86	83	51	6	0	65.1
Freddie Fairey	c Oxley b Rhodes	59	66	82	33	5	1	89.4
Luke Caswell	b Rhodes	24	14	18	4	3	1	171.4
William Bowman	Not Out	14	12	20	3	1	0	116.7
Ryan Findlay	Not Out	5	2	2	0	1	0	250.0
Brett Stolworthy	Did not bat							
Andy Hanby	Did not bat							
Cameron Graveling	Did not bat							
Extras	b 2, lb 4, w 3	9						
<b>TOTAL</b>	6 wickets, 90 overs	401	540	332	349	55	2	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-40	15.6	Ethan Metcalf	6-392	89.1	Freddie Fairey
2-215	54.6	Sam Arthurton			
3-253	65.3	Alfie Cooper			
4-311	80.5	Tom New			
5-358	85.2	Luke Caswell			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Ben Claydon	18	5	46	0	0	1	87	6	0	2.6
Luke Froggatt	11	2	54	1	0	1	44	10	0	4.9
Matt Wareing	7	0	23	1	0	1	31	3	0	3.3
Jack Beaumont	23	1	116	1	0	0	77	14	1	5.0
George Rhodes	28	0	142	3	0	0	97	19	1	5.1
Darren Ironside	2	0	6	0	0	0	9	1	0	3.0
Josh Frame	1	0	8	0	0	0	4	2	0	8.0

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Ethan Metcalf	Not Out	106	164	208	113	14	0	64.6
Sam Arthurton*	Not Out	113	168	208	106	13	1	67.3
Tom New†	Did not bat							
William Bowman	Did not bat							
Alfie Cooper	Did not bat							
Freddie Fairey	Did not bat							
Luke Caswell	Did not bat							
Ryan Findlay	Did not bat							
Brett Stolworthy	Did not bat							
Andy Hanby	Did not bat							
Cameron Graveling	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 2, w 1, nb 2	5						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0 wickets dec, 55 overs	224	332	208	218	27	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Matt Wareing	17	2	71	0	1	1	68	9	0	4.2
Luke Froggatt	5	1	20	0	0	0	23	4	0	4.0
Jack Beaumont	15	2	61	0	0	0	61	8	0	4.1
George Rhodes	7	0	23	0	0	0	23	1	0	3.3
Darren Ironside	4	0	12	0	0	0	17	1	0	3.0
Josh Frame	7	0	35	0	0	0	26	4	1	5.0

## Suffolk C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Darren Ironside	c Arthurton b Hanby	0	4	1	4	0	0	0.0
Josh Frame	b Stolworthy	1	14	21	13	0	0	7.1
Alex Oxley	lbw b Graveling	38	117	161	102	7	0	32.5
George Rhodes	c Arthurton b Metcalf	21	28	39	19	4	0	75.0
Ben Shepperson	lbw b Stolworthy	3	14	23	12	0	0	21.4
Ben Claydon	c Cooper b Stolworthy	13	18	24	12	1	0	72.2
Andrew Northcote†	c & b Stolworthy	2	11	11	10	0	0	18.2
Jack Beaumont*	Not Out	33	48	77	35	6	0	68.8
Ben Parker	lbw b Graveling	1	18	15	17	0	0	5.6
Luke Froggatt	c Caswell b Findlay	6	10	11	8	1	0	60.0
Matt Wareing	c Graveling b Stolworthy	0	3	6	3	0	0	0.0
Extras	lb 7	7						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 47.3 overs	125	285	196	235	19	0	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-0	0.4	Darren Ironside	6-74	29.6	Andrew Northcote
2-6	5.4	Josh Frame	7-95	39.1	Alex Oxley
3-41	16.1	George Rhodes	8-111	43.6	Ben Parker
4-48	21.1	Ben Shepperson	9-124	46.4	Luke Froggatt
5-72	27.1	Ben Claydon	10-125	47.3	Matt Wareing

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Andy Hanby	8.5	3	24	1	0	0	44	5	0	2.7
Brett Stolworthy	15.3	7	25	5	0	0	81	3	0	1.6
Ethan Metcalf	8	2	22	1	0	0	41	4	0	2.8
Ryan Findlay	10	3	21	1	0	0	48	2	0	2.1
William Bowman	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
Cameron Graveling	5	0	26	2	0	0	20	5	0	5.2

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Darren Ironside	c New b Stolworthy	4	11	10	10	1	0	36.4
Josh Frame	c New b Stolworthy	0	14	20	14	0	0	0.0
Alex Oxley	c Fairey b Stolworthy	16	20	25	13	1	0	80.0
George Rhodes	c New b Findlay	45	79	138	51	5	0	57.0
Ben Shepperson	c Caswell b Findlay	16	26	27	20	3	0	61.5
Jack Beaumont*	c Cooper b Graveling	13	21	20	15	2	0	61.9
Ben Parker	c New b Graveling	41	47	49	34	8	0	87.2
Andrew Northcote†	b Findlay	39	63	77	45	5	0	61.9
Adam Mansfield	c Stolworthy b Findlay	21	34	34	25	3	0	61.8
Luke Froggatt	Not Out	10	37	41	31	1	0	27.0
Matt Wareing	c Cooper b Findlay	1	17	24	16	0	0	5.9
Extras	lb 5, w 1, nb 2	8						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 61.1 overs	214	369	235	273	29	0	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-4	2.5	Darren Ironside	6-127	34.2	Ben Parker
2-10	4.5	Josh Frame	7-151	39.5	George Rhodes
3-27	8.4	Alex Oxley	8-193	49.4	Adam Mansfield
4-60	15.6	Ben Shepperson	9-204	53.4	Andrew Northcote
5-79	20.5	Jack Beaumont	10-214	61.1	Matt Wareing

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Brett Stolworthy	19	5	41	3	1	0	93	5	0	2.2
Luke Caswell	3	1	12	0	0	1	14	1	0	4.0
Ethan Metcalf	3	0	12	0	0	0	13	1	0	4.0
Ryan Findlay	17.1	1	76	5	0	0	70	13	0	4.4
Cameron Graveling	9	0	52	2	0	0	32	7	0	5.8
Sam Arthurton	4	2	7	0	0	0	20	1	0	1.8
William Bowman	6	3	9	0	0	0	31	1	0	1.5

# Suffolk face threat of relegation after heavy defeat

SUFFOLK were left staring relegation in the face after a 286-run loss Norfolk in the Eastern Division One NCCA Championship.

The first-ever three-day fixture to be played at Woolpit CC saw Suffolk outplayed by their visitors from start to finish. Norfolk's batters made hay in the sunshine as they posted 401-6 in their first innings, with Sam Arthurton (85 off 149 balls) and Alfie Cooper (126 off 154) adding 175 for the second wicket.

Leicestershire all-rounder George Rhodes, making his debut alongside Josh Frame and Luke Froggatt, took three wickets but they came at a cost of 142 runs.

Suffolk were then bowled out for just 125 in 47.3 overs in their reply, Alex Oxley top-scoring with 38 off 117 deliveries, and skipper Jack Beaumont being unbeaten on 33. Brett Stolworthy returned figures of 15.3-7-25-5.

Arthurton (113 off 168 balls) and Ethan Metcalf (106 off 164) piled on the agony in an unbroken opening partnership of 224 in 55 overs to enable Norfolk to declare. That left Suffolk, who called on Adam Mansfield as a Covid substitute after losing Ben Claydon following their first innings, requiring 501 to win.

Rhodes, Ben Parker and Andy Northcote all got in and then got out as Suffolk were dismissed second time round for 214 just after lunch on day three.

Stolworthy took out the top three batters before spinners Ryan Findlay and Cameron Graveling claimed seven wickets between them.

*Below: Andy Northcote scored 39 in Suffolk's second innings on his home ground at Woolpit C.C.*



*Above: Luke Froggatt made his debut against Norfolk at Woolpit C.C.*







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

At Checkley C.C., August 14-16, 2022  
Competition: NCCA Championship, Eastern Division

Umpires: David Gower and Ceri Evans  
Scorers: Caroline Cartwright and John Abbott

*Toss won by Staffordshireshire (bat). Suffolk won by 5 wickets.  
Staffordshireshire 8pts, Suffolk 22pts*



## Staffordshire C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Tom Moulton	c Marston b Shanks	63	96	127	70	11	0	65.6
Alex Mellor†	c Marston b Froggatt	26	41	61	32	5	0	63.4
Zen Malik	c Godwin b Claydon	145	217	255	140	17	2	66.8
Michael Hill	c Godwin b Froggatt	152	178	211	117	10	11	85.4
Peter Wilshaw*	c Oxley b Shanks	3	5	7	3	0	0	60.0
Jason Jakeman	Not Out	13	9	13	2	2	0	144.4
James Cox	Did not bat							
Paul Byrne	Did not bat							
Jack Redman	Did not bat							
Dan Gibbs	Did not bat							
Daniel Richardson	Did not bat							
Extras	b 2, lb 4, w 3, nb 12	21						
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 wickets, 90 overs	423	546	338	45	13		

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-66	14.1	Alex Mellor			
2-127	30.6	Tom Moulton			
3-380	84.6	Zen Malik			
4-385	86.4	Peter Wilshaw			
5-423	89.6	Michael Hill			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Ben Claydon	16	2	81	1	3	2	67	11	1	5.1
Daniel Shanks	14	1	49	2	2	1	64	5	1	3.5
Luke Froggatt	15	0	97	2	1	0	50	13	3	6.5
Jack Beaumont	15	4	64	0	0	0	67	8	3	4.3
Josn Cantrell	13	1	47	0	0	0	51	4	1	3.6
George Rhodes	8	0	43	0	0	0	26	1	3	5.4
Darren Ironside	9	1	36	0	0	0	35	3	1	4.0

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Alex Mellor†	c Beaumont b Claydon	18	26	34	15	2	0	69.2
Tom Moulton	lbw b Claydon	33	46	61	31	5	0	71.7
Zen Malik	b Beaumont	10	27	42	20	1	0	37.0
Michael Hill	c & b Ironside	50	79	93	55	6	1	63.3
Jack Redman	b Froggatt	18	47	62	36	2	0	38.3
Peter Wilshaw*	lbw b Ironside	1	4	4	3	0	0	25.0
Jason Jakeman	lbw b Claydon	1	18	25	17	0	0	5.6
Daniel Richardson	c Marston b Claydon	1	8	7	7	0	0	12.5
Paul Byrne	Not Out	29	71	84	51	2	0	40.8
Dan Gibbs	c Marston b Claydon	12	23	38	17	2	0	52.2
James Cox	c Claydon b Beaumont	8	26	37	22	1	0	30.8
Extras	b 4, lb 1, nb 4	9						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 62.1 overs	190	375	245	272	21	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-32	8.2	Alex Mellor	6-132	39.2	Michael Hill
2-57	14.4	Tom Moulton	7-134	41.1	Daniel Richardson
3-78	18.3	Zen Malik	8-141	43.3	Jason Jakeman
4-130	36.4	Jack Redman	9-169	53.2	Dan Gibbs
5-131	37.2	Peter Wilshaw	10-190	62.1	James Cox

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Ben Claydon	20	2	67	5	2	0	84	8	0	3.4
Daniel Shanks	6	0	21	0	0	0	24	2	0	3.5
Luke Froggatt	5	0	17	1	0	0	22	3	0	3.4
Jack Beaumont	14.1	1	35	2	0	0	64	4	0	2.5
Josn Cantrell	10	3	31	0	0	0	46	3	1	3.1
George Rhodes	3	0	9	0	0	0	12	1	0	3.0
Darren Ironside	4	2	5	2	0	0	20	0	0	1.3

## Suffolk C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Michael Godwin	lbw b Cox	26	78	99	69	5	0	33.3
Darren Ironside	lbw b Byrne	146	231	315	165	19	1	63.2
Alex Oxley	c Byrne b Redman	50	94	165	69	4	1	53.2
George Rhodes	c Moulton b Byrne	17	25	30	16	1	1	68.0
Ben Claydon	b Byrne	34	52	82	28	2	0	65.4
Ben Parker	c Malik b Byrne	2	7	11	5	0	0	28.6
Jack Beaumont*	c Gibbs b Byrne	22	16	18	6	4	0	137.5
Josh Cantrell	c Mellor b Jakeman	16	17	18	8	2	0	94.1
Jacob Marston†	b Byrne	0	3	4	3	0	0	0.0
Luke Froggatt	st Mellor b Jakeman	8	8	6	5	0	1	100.0
Daniel Shanks	Not Out	0	0	3	0	0	0	0.0
Extras	b 4, lb 7, w 1	12						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 88.3 overs	333	531	377	374	37	4	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-57	24.5	Michael Godwin	6-290	80.3	Jack Beaumont
2-184	59.2	Alex Oxley	7-319	85.4	Josh Cantrell
3-225	68.1	George Rhodes	8-322	86.3	Jacob Marston
4-254	74.2	Darren Ironside	9-331	87.6	Luke Froggatt
5-258	76.1	Ben Parker	10-333	88.3	Ben Claydon

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Dan Gibbs	11	2	57	0	0	0	46	10	0	5.2
James Cox	12	6	24	1	0	1	64	4	0	2.0
Daniel Richardson	8	5	12	0	0	0	43	2	0	1.5
Paul Byrne	26.3	6	93	6	0	0	110	9	1	3.5
Jason Jakeman	14	0	48	2	0	0	54	3	1	3.4
Michael Hill	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	3.0
Jack Redman	16	1	85	1	0	0	53	9	2	5.3

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Michael Godwin	c Gibbs b Jakeman	53	119	149	95	6	1	44.5
Darren Ironside	lbw b Moulton	81	127	180	88	11	1	63.8
Alex Oxley	b Byrne	24	36	48	23	3	0	66.7
George Rhodes	lbw b Byrne	20	23	25	15	4	0	87.0
Ben Claydon	Not Out	30	50	75	33	3	0	60.0
Ben Parker	b Byrne	55	63	61	37	7	1	87.3
Jack Beaumont*	Not Out	12	7	6	3	2	0	171.4
Josh Cantrell	Did not bat							
Jacob Marston†	Did not bat							
Luke Froggatt	Did not bat							
Daniel Shanks	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 2, w 5, nb 2	9						
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 wickets, 70.4 overs	284	425	274	293	36	3	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-118	36.4	Michael Godwin			
2-153	44.6	Darren Ironside			
3-180	49.4	Alex Oxley			
4-189	51.3	George Rhodes			
5-271	69.2	Ben Parker			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
James Cox	9.4	2	49	0	0	0	42	10	0	5.1
Dan Gibbs	10	2	25	0	0	0	48	3	0	2.5
Paul Byrne	21	5	75	3	0	0	91	7	3	3.6
Daniel Richardson	6	1	18	0	1	0	26	2	0	3.0
Jason Jakeman	12	1	58	1	0	0	40	7	0	4.8
Jack Redman	6	1	19	0	0	0	27	3	0	3.2
Tom Moulton	3	0	21	1	0	1	12	3	0	7.0
Zen Malik	3	0	17	0	0	0	7	1	0	5.7

# Ironside inspires Suffolk to remarkable victory

SUFFOLK produced a splendid performance to defeat their hosts and keep alive their chances of avoiding relegation.

It was all the more impressive as Suffolk fielded one of their youngest sides for a three-day fixture in the last 25 years, with Daniel Shanks, aged 22, called up for his debut as Matt Wareing was ill.

After winning the toss Staffordshire racked up 423-5, largely thanks to a record third-wicket stand against Suffolk of 253 between Zen Malik (145) and Michael Hill, who struck ten fours and 11 sixes in his 152 – a record third successive century for Staffordshire.

Darren Ironside shared a second-wicket stand of 127 with Alex Oxley (50), before going on to compile 146 off 231 deliveries with 19 fours and one six as Suffolk posted 333 all out to trail by 90 on first innings.

Staffordshire had extended their lead to 220 for the loss of three wickets, before Ironside claimed two of three wickets to fall from the final 17 deliveries on day two.

Following Bedfordshire's innings and 67-run victory over Norfolk, Suffolk entered the final day knowing only a win would do to take their fate down to the wire. Ben Claydon finished with 5-67 as Suffolk took the final four wickets for 58 runs to dismiss Staffordshire for 190, leaving the visitors to score 281 for victory in 76 overs.

Ironside and Michael Godwin, who made 53, put on 118 either side of lunch, with Ironside eventually out for 81. After Oxley and Rhodes fell in quick succession, Suffolk were 189-4 with 92 still required.

Ben Parker joined Claydon at the crease and they added 82 in 18 overs before Parker fell for 55 off 63 balls, leaving captain Jack Beaumont to strike the winning runs and complete a remarkable turnaround.



*Darren Ironside acknowledges the applause as he celebrates scoring his century against Staffordshire.*



*Daniel Shanks bowling on his debut versus Staffordshire at Checkley C.C.*



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

At Flitwick C.C., August 21-23, 2022

Competition: NCCA Championship, Eastern Division

Umpires: Paul Nicholls and Ray Medland

Scorers: Simon Shirley and John Abbott

*Toss won by Suffolk (bat). Suffolk won by 136 runs.*

*Bedfordshire 3pts, Suffolk 24pts*



## Suffolk C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Michael Godwin	b Darlow	4	13	13	12	1	0	30.8
Darren Ironside	c Bates b Evans	152	249	312	155	6	3	61.0
Alex Oxley	c Thurstance b Darlow	21	55	67	44	1	1	38.2
George Rhodes	c Ballard b Brett	148	165	174	96	17	3	89.7
Ben Claydon	Not Out	48	56	58	22	3	0	85.7
Ben Parker	Not Out	1	1	2	0	0	0	100.0
Josh Cantrell	Did not bat							
Jack Beaumont*	Did not bat							
Jacob Marston†	Did not bat							
Tom Rash	Did not bat							
Daniel Shanks	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 4	4						
<b>TOTAL</b>	4 wickets, 90 overs	378	539	314	329	28	7	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-7	3.6	Michael Godwin			
2-52	22.5	Alex Oxley			
3-278	74.3	Georges Rhodes			
4-374	89.3	Darren Ironside			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Alex Evans	25	2	98	1	0	0	93	6	1	3.9
George Darlow	24	7	65	2	0	0	102	3	1	2.7
Tom Brett	34	3	145	1	0	0	125	9	5	4.3
Charlie Thurston	3	0	20	0	0	0	7	3	0	6.7
Joe Lowe	4	0	46	0	0	0	2	7	0	11.5

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Michael Godwin	c Homyoan b Darlow	11	19	20	13	1	0	57.9
Darren Ironside	c Brett b Darlow	76	72	152	26	7	0	105.6
Alex Oxley	lbw b Darlow	72	51	85	24	2	6	141.2
George Rhodes	Not Out	57	36	61	10	4	3	158.3
Ben Claydon	Not Out	9	9	15	2	0	0	100.0
Ben Parker	Did not bat							
Josh Cantrell	Did not bat							
Jack Beaumont*	Did not bat							
Jacob Marston	Did not bat							
Tom Rash	Did not bat							
Daniel Shanks	Did not bat							
Extras	b 4, lb 8	12						
<b>TOTAL</b>	3 wickets dec, 31 overs	237	187	167	75	14	9	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-27	5.5	Michael Godwin			
2-137	19.6	Alex Oxley			
3-208	27.5	Darren Ironside			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Alex Evans	11	0	67	0	0	0	25	2	2	6.1
George Darlow	15	0	120	3	0	0	38	12	4	8.0
Tom Brett	5	0	38	0	0	0	12	0	3	7.6

## Bedfordshire C.C.C. NCCA Championship XI

### 1st Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Sam Bates	c Marston b Beaumont	0	6	3	6	0	0	0.0
Fayaz Homyoan	c Beaumont b Shanks	33	78	134	60	4	0	42.3
James Kettleborough	c Ironside b Shanks	32	65	67	50	4	0	49.2
Charlie Thurston	c Beaumont b Claydon	2	12	12	11	0	0	16.7
George Thurstance*	lbw b Beaumont	75	174	193	135	11	0	43.1
Eddie Ballard	c Beaumont b Rhodes	32	32	49	19	4	1	100.0
Matt Taylor†	lbw b Rhodes	14	32	25	26	2	0	43.8
George Darlow	c Cantrell b Rhodes	1	13	13	12	0	0	7.7
Joe Lowe	c & b Rhodes	17	64	73	54	2	0	26.6
Alex Evans	lbw b Rhodes	27	34	32	25	4	1	79.4
Tom Brett	Not Out	0	8	11	8	0	0	0.0
Extras	b 14, lb 3, nb 6	23						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 86.1 overs	256	518	308	404	31	2	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-0	0.6	Sam Bates	6-174	53.3	Matt Taylor
2-48	18.2	James Kettleborough	7-176	57.5	George Darlow
3-51	21.4	Charlie Thurston	8-224	76.4	George Thurstance
4-100	33.2	Fayaz Homyoan	9-241	82.2	Joe Lowe
5-152	45.2	Eddie Ballard	10-256	86.1	Alex Evans

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	14	4	57	1	0	0	58	9	0	4.1
Ben Claydon	10	2	41	1	3	0	49	5	1	4.1
Jack Beaumont	24	4	48	1	0	0	112	3	1	2.0
Daniel Shanks	7	3	19	2	0	0	36	4	0	2.7
George Rhodes	16.1	4	36	5	0	0	79	5	0	2.2
Josh Cantrell	15	3	38	0	0	0	70	5	0	2.5

### 2nd Innings

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Sam Bates	c Marston b Rhodes	1	6	5	5	0	0	16.7
Fayaz Homyoan	b Shanks	39	110	158	96	8	0	35.5
Alex Evans	c Marston b Cantrell	52	115	139	95	7	1	45.2
Charlie Thurston	lbw b Cantrell	0	3	2	3	0	0	0.0
James Kettleborough	c Parker b Cantrell	45	92	85	71	6	0	48.9
George Thurstance*	b Cantrell	26	136	132	117	1	0	19.1
Eddie Ballard	b Cantrell	3	12	13	10	0	0	25.0
Matt Taylor†	c Parker b Cantrell	0	1	4	1	0	0	0.0
George Darlow	c Rhodes b Beaumont	9	93	101	88	1	0	9.7
Joe Lowe	c Marston b Rash	12	58	65	50	1	0	20.7
Tom Brett	Not Out	0	1	3	1	0	0	0.0
Extras	b 26, lb 8, nb 2	36						
<b>TOTAL</b>	all out, 104.1 overs	223	627	356	536	24	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-1	1.3	Sam Bates	6-169	71.2	Eddie Ballard
2-101	37.2	Alex Evans	7-169	71.3	Matt Taylor
3-101	37.5	Charlie Thurston	8-192	85.4	George Thurstance
4-105	40.4	Fayaz Homyoan	9-223	103.5	George Darlow
5-161	67.2	James Kettleborough	10-223	104.1	Joe Lowe

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	15.1	6	40	1	1	0	80	7	1	2.6
George Rhodes	17	8	29	1	0	0	87	4	0	1.7
Ben Claydon	5	2	10	0	0	0	26	1	0	2.0
Jack Beaumont	23	9	42	1	0	0	119	4	0	1.8
Daniel Shanks	10	3	23	1	0	0	52	5	0	2.3
Josh Cantrell	34	9	45	6	0	0	172	3	0	1.3

# Suffolk complete great escape and are runners-up!

SUFFOLK thrashed Bedfordshire by 136 runs and in doing so finished as runners-up in Eastern Division One. They outplayed Bedfordshire after winning the toss and electing to bat, Darren Ironside (152) and George Rhodes (148) compiling a third-wicket partnership of 226 in 52 overs.

Ben Claydon (48 not out) added 96 with Ironside against the home team's tiring attack – Bedfordshire only had three frontline bowlers – as Suffolk racked up 378-4.

Suffolk then bowled out Bedfordshire for 256, with Rhodes following his first century for Suffolk with figures of 5-36, giving the visitors a first-inning advantage of 122.

Ironside added 76 to take his run tally to 455 in just eight days, adding 110 with Alex Oxley, whose 72 off 51 deliveries included six sixes, and a further 71 with Rhodes. Suffolk's 237-3 declared came off just 31 overs at a run-rate of 7.6 runs per over, leaving 109 overs to bowl out Bedfordshire for a second time.

Josh Cantrell then spun his way to career-best figures of 34-9-45-6, before Tom Rash, who earlier in the day told his team-mates he would be retiring after a distinguished county career, fittingly took the final wicket.

With Lincolnshire clinging on to claim a draw at Norfolk and take the title at the expense of their hosts, Suffolk leapfrogged both Norfolk and Staffordshire to finish as runners-up in a tight division.

*Right: Tom Rash bowling during Bedfordshire's second innings, after informing his team-mates he would be retiring earlier in the day.*

*Below: George Rhodes scores runs on the offside during his 148 in Suffolk's first innings at Flitwick C.C.*





# Suffolk C.C.C. v Kent Spitfires C.C.C.

At Woolpit C.C. July 31, 2022  
Competition: NCCA Showcase

Umpires: Neil Bainton and Daron Gregory  
Scorers: John Abbott and Lorne Hart

*Kent won the toss (bat). Kent won by 140 runs*

## Spirited Suffolk response in Showcase match

SUFFOLK produced a spirited display despite losing to their first-class visitors by 140 runs. Ben Compton (133) and Ollie Robinson (139) added 218 for the Spitfires' second wicket in just 25 overs as they racked up 431-7 in their 50 overs. Robinson struck 14 fours and seven sixes from only 80 deliveries, while Compton's innings occupied 119 balls and contained 17 fours and two sixes.

Tom Rash removed both Robinson and opposing skipper Alex Blake in consecutive deliveries, but Darren Stevens (34 off 21 balls) and South African all-rounder George Linde (56 off 30 balls) pushed the total way beyond Suffolk's reach.

To their credit, Suffolk rallied in their reply, based around an opening partnership of 134 between Darren Batch (72) and Jack Beaumont (64) in front of more than 1,000 spectators.

When Batch fell after striking 11 fours, Josh Cantrell and Ben Parker continued to push the score along, before Darren Ironside (53 off 42 balls) and Rash (24 off 25 deliveries) thrashed 78 runs off the final eight overs.

That lifted Suffolk, who lost Andy Northcote with a dislocated shoulder when diving while fielding towards the end of the Kent innings, to a respectable 291-5.



*Darren Batch scores runs on the legside during his fine innings of 72 against Kent Spitfires at Woolpit.*

### Kent C.C.C. 1st XI

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Ben Compton	b Allen	133	119	153	53	17	2	111.8
Tawanda Muyeye	Run out (Marston)	6	12	17	7	0	0	50.0
Ollie Robinson †	c Froggatt b Rash	139	80	87	25	14	7	173.8
Alex Blake*	lbw b Rash	0	1	1	1	0	0	0.0
Darren Stevens	c Parker b Claydon	34	21	24	9	5	1	161.9
Joey Evison	c Marston b Froggatt	15	12	17	4	2	0	125.0
George Linde	Not Out	56	30	42	6	4	3	186.7
Hamidullah Qadri	c Marston b Froggatt	12	15	21	7	1	0	80.0
Nathan Gilchrist	Not Out	22	10	15	3	3	1	220.0
Jas Singh	Did not bat							
Matt Quinn	Did not bat							
Extras	b 4, lb 4, w 6	14						
<b>TOTAL</b>	7 wickets, 50 overs	431	300	190	115	46	14	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-17	4.2	Tawanda Muyeye	6-337	41.1	Ben Compton
2-235	29.4	Ollie Robinson	7-387	46.5	Hamidullah Qadri
3-235	29.5	Alex Blake			
4-291	35.6	Darren Stevens			
5-332	40.1	Joey Evison			

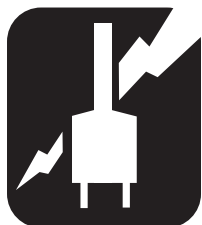
Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Tom Rash	10	0	82	2	0	1	24	8	3	8.2
Ben Claydon	6	0	51	1	0	0	16	8	1	8.5
Luke Froggatt	8	0	68	2	0	2	19	7	2	8.5
Darren Batch	5	0	39	0	0	0	13	5	1	7.8
Jack Beaumont	5	0	58	0	0	0	11	6	4	11.6
Josh Cantrell	8	0	61	0	0	0	13	6	1	7.6
Matt Allen	8	0	64	1	0	2	19	6	2	8.0

### Suffolk C.C.C.

Batsman	How Out	R	B	M	0s	4s	6s	S/R
Jack Beaumont	c Muyeye b Evison	64	76	97	43	10	0	84.2
Darren Batch	c Singh b Qadri	72	95	121	57	11	0	75.8
Ben Claydon	lbw b Evison	5	15	16	10	0	0	33.3
Josh Cantrell	lbw b Qadri	23	29	39	12	1	0	79.3
Ben Parker	c Robinson b Quinn	19	19	17	9	3	0	100.0
Darren Ironside	Not Out	53	42	50	14	5	1	126.2
Tom Rash*	Not Out	24	25	35	10	3	0	96.0
Jacob Marston†	Did not bat							
Matt Allen	Did not bat							
Luke Froggatt	Did not bat							
Andrew Northcote	Did not bat							
Extras	lb 11, w 18, nb 2	31						
<b>TOTAL</b>	5 wickets, 50 overs	291	301	189	154	33	1	

FOW	Over	Batsman	FOW	Over	Batsman
1-134	25.1	Jack Beaumont			
2-154	29.6	Ben Claydon			
3-163	31.3	Darren Batch			
4-195	36.6	Ben Parker			
5-213	41.1	Josh Cantrell			

Bowler	O	M	R	W	nb	w	0s	4s	6s	E/R
Nathan Gilchrist	9	0	65	0	0	3	27	8	1	7.2
Jas Singh	5	0	33	0	1	3	18	5	0	6.6
Matt Quinn	8	0	43	1	0	1	25	6	0	5.4
Darren Stevens	5	0	12	0	0	0	19	0	0	2.4
George Linde	10	0	53	0	0	1	27	6	0	5.3
Joey Evison	5	0	23	2	0	1	20	4	0	4.6
Hamidullah Qadri	8	0	51	2	0	3	18	4	0	6.4



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## Suffolk C.C.C. NCCA Championship Averages 2022

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	0	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	10m	5i	C/St
Jack Beaumont	4	6	2	122	33*	30.50	-	-	-	89.0	24	466	8	58.25	3-55	-	-	5
Josh Cantrell	3	3	-	50	22	16.66	-	-	-	80.0	17	199	7	28.42	6-45	-	1	1
Ben Claydon	4	7	3	177	48*	44.25	-	-	-	69.0	11	264	7	37.71	5-67	-	1	3
Josh Frame	1	2	-	1	1	0.50	-	-	1	8.0	0	43	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luke Froggatt	2	3	1	24	10*	12.00	-	-	-	36.0	3	188	4	47.00	2-97	-	-	1
Michael Godwin	3	5	-	110	53	22.00	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Darren Ironside	3	6	-	459	152	76.50	2	2	1	19.0	3	59	2	29.5	2-5	-	-	1
Adam Mansfield	1	1	-	21	21	21.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jacob Marston	2	1	-	0	-	0.00	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8/0
Andrew Northcote	2	4	-	61	39	15.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5/0
Alex Oxley	4	8	-	263	72	32.87	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Ben Parker	4	7	1	147	55	24.50	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Alex Quinn	1	2	-	6	4	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Rash	2	2	-	16	15	8.00	-	-	-	50.1	13	156	5	31.20	3-41	-	-	-
George Rhodes	3	6	1	308	148	61.60	1	1	-	79.1	12	282	9	31.33	5-36	-	1	2
Daniel Shanks	2	1	1	0	0*	-	-	-	-	37.0	7	112	5	22.40	2-19	-	-	-
Ben Shepperson	2	4	-	21	16	5.25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matt Wareing	2	4	2	17	11*	8.50	-	-	1	33.0	2	139	4	34.75	2-17	-	-	1

## Suffolk C.C.C. NCCA Trophy Averages 2022

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	0	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	10m	5i	C/St
Matt Allen	2	2	-	49	46	24.50	-	-	-	6	0	37	2	18.50	2-37	-	-	-
Darren Batch	2	2	-	0	-	0.00	-	-	-	10	0	40	2	20.00	2-40	-	-	-
Jack Beaumont	4	4	-	103	53	25.75	-	1	-	39	0	220	6	36.66	3-43	-	-	-
Tristan Blackledge	2	1	1	3	3*	-	-	-	-	18	2	63	5	12.60	3-32	-	-	-
Nick Browne	2	2	1	163	90*	163.00	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Josh Cantrell	4	3	1	32	29*	16.00	-	-	-	27.3	1	143	4	35.75	3-51	-	-	2
Ben Claydon	3	3	1	213	123	106.50	1	1	-	15	1	67	0	0.00	-	-	-	2
Josh Frame	1	1	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	2	0	11	1	11.00	1-11	-	-	-
Luke Froggatt	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darren Ironside	2	1	-	45	45	45.00	-	-	-	2	0	11	0	-	-	-	-	-
Dominic Manthorpe	2	1	-	1	1	1.00	-	-	-	7	0	50	0	-	-	-	-	1
Jacob Marston	2	1	-	12	12	12.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Andrew Northcote	2	2	-	18	9	9.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Alex Oxley	2	2	-	92	50	46.00	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ben Parker	3	3	-	80	50	26.66	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Alex Quinn	1	1	-	6	6	6.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tom Rash	4	3	1	43	18	21.50	-	-	-	35	3	170	5	34.00	2-37	-	-	1
George Rhodes	1	1	-	95	95	95.00	-	1	-	10	1	32	0	-	-	-	-	1
Patrick Sadler	2	1	-	0	0	0.00	-	-	-	12	0	84	2	42.00	2-61	-	-	-
Ben Shepperson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

## Suffolk C.C.C. NCCA T20 Averages 2022

Name	M	In	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	0	Ov	M	Runs	Wkts	Ave	BB	10m	5i	C/St
Matt Allen	1	1	-	16	16	16.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Darren Batch	2	2	-	2	2	1.00	-	-	-	1	0	5	0	-	-	-	-	-
Jack Beaumont	8	7	1	109	47	18.16	-	-	1	24	0	161	7	23.00	2-12	-	-	3
Tristan Blackledge	5	3	2	3	2	3.00	-	-	1	16	0	136	5	27.50	2-29	-	-	-
Josh Cantrell	8	7	-	58	23	8.28	-	-	1	25	0	153	6	25.50	2-15	-	-	1
Ben Claydon	8	8	1	267	102*	38.14	1	1	1	10	0	84	3	28.00	1-12	-	-	2
Max Dias	2	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	4	0	32	1	32.00	1-25	-	-	-
Tom Harper	2	1	1	19	19*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Freddie Heldreich	6	3	1	10	4	5.00	-	-	-	23	0	144	9	16.00	2-12	-	-	2
Darren Ironside	8	7	2	150	51	30.00	-	1	-	17	0	110	4	27.50	2-17	-	-	1
Jacob Marston	6	3	1	10	9	5.00	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4/1
Andrew Northcote	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/0
Alex Oxley	6	5	-	126	47	25.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Ben Parker	4	3	1	81	47	40.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Tom Rash	8	6	-	51	39	8.50	-	-	1	23.4	1	193	6	32.16	2-19	-	-	5
Ben Reece	2	2	2	28	14	-	-	-	-	1	0	11	0	-	-	-	-	-
Josh Rymell	3	3	1	16	9	8.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthur Summers	4	4	-	55	21	13.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Matt Wareing	3	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	8	0	70	1	70.00	1-35	-	-	1

## NCCA Championship 2022 Final Tables

EASTERN DIVISION 1					P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
Lincolnshire					4	2	0	2	0	63
<b>Suffolk</b>					<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>
Staffordshire					4	1	1	1	1	50
Norfolk					4	1	1	1	1	47
▼Bedfordshire					4	1	3	0	0	39
EASTERN DIVISION 2					P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
▲Buckinghamshire					4	4	0	0	0	94
Cambridgeshire					4	2	2	0	0	52
Hertfordshire					4	1	1	2	0	51
Cumbria					4	1	2	1	0	42
▼Northumberland					4	0	3	1	0	21
WESTERN DIVISION 1					P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
▲Berkshire					4	3	1	0	0	75
Oxfordshire					4	3	1	0	0	72
Cheshire					4	1	2	1	0	48
Herefordshire					4	1	2	1	0	39
▼Dorset					4	0	2	2	0	31
WESTERN DIVISION 2					P	W	L	D	A/T	Pts
▲Devon					4	3	1	0	0	77
Wales					4	2	1	1	0	58
Wiltshire					4	1	2	1	0	45
Cornwall					4	1	1	2	0	43
Shropshire					4	1	3	0	0	35

## NCCA Trophy Group 3 2022 Final Tables

	P	W	L	C/A	Pts
Cambridgeshire	4	3	0	1	7
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
Cheshire	4	2	2	0	4
Norfolk	4	1	2	1	3
Shropshire	4	0	3	1	1

## NCCA T20 Group 3 2022 Final Tables

	P	W	L	C/A	NRR	Pts
Cambridgeshire	8	5	3	0	0.89	10
Hertfordshire	8	5	3	0	0.4	10
Lincolnshire	8	4	4	0	-0.38	8
<b>Suffolk</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>6</b>
Norfolk	8	3	5	0	-1.02	6

## NCCA Finals Championship

Lincolnshire C.C.C. v Berkshire C.C.C.  
Berkshire won the toss and elected to field  
Lincolnshire 176 all out and 65-1  
Berkshire 310 all out  
Berkshire won by an innings and 69 runs

### Trophy

Cumbria C.C.C. v Berkshire C.C.C.  
Cumbria won the toss and elected to bat  
Cumbria 227-8 (50 ov)  
Berkshire 231-5 (38.5 ov)  
Berkshire won by 5 wickets

### T20

Oxfordshire C.C.C. v Cambridgeshire C.C.C.  
Cambridgeshire won the toss and elected to bat  
Cambridgeshire 169-9 (20 ov)  
Oxfordshire 170-8 (19.2 ov)  
Oxfordshire won by 2 wickets

# Three-day format proves a success for Suffolk

*Coach Adam Mansfield reviews the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI season*

THE 2022 season could well be the start of a new and exciting phase for the county 2<sup>nd</sup> XI side.

Although we played in the usual East of England Development Competition, there was the added three-day fixture against Buckinghamshire.

This fixture turned out to be a great success both on and off the field for those lucky to be involved. It gave them an insight into the physical and mental demands of playing longer format cricket, whilst also showing them how much enjoyment can be had representing Suffolk.

The season began at Stowmarket against a young Norfolk Lions side. Choosing to bat first, Suffolk could only manage 186 from 35.4 overs. The lower order of Tom Harper, Luke Froggatt and Daniel Shanks were the main contributors in a below-par total. Norfolk reached the total one wicket down in the 30<sup>th</sup> over, in what proved to be a big learning experience for every player. Next up was the three-day fixture against Buckinghamshire at Slough. This game was played during the extreme heatwave of 2022 and added to the physical demands that come with playing longer format cricket.

Thanks to a super bowling performance from the quicks of George Heldreich, Froggatt and Shanks plus a century from 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain Jack Beaumont, Suffolk won by eight wickets.

Looking to bounce back in the Development Competition, Suffolk travelled to Hertfordshire. Jacob Marston batted fantastically well with the tail to help post a total of 276, with Herts only managing 235 in reply thanks to a top spell of leg spin bowling by Lewis Millions.

Suffolk then travelled to Cambridgeshire looking to win three on the bounce. However, a good bowling performance by Cambridgeshire bought the team back down to earth with a bang, bowling us out for 125 and then chasing down the runs inside 25 overs.

Looking to bounce back against a strong Essex side, Suffolk put in their best performance of the season. Choosing to bat first on a used pitch, Suffolk fought hard through Billy Amass, Jacob Marston and Arthur Summers to score 241.

A super spell of fast bowling from Jonah Handy led the



*Jacob Marston, pictured batting in the NCCA Trophy versus Cambridgeshire at Sudbury, played fantastically well with the tail against Hertfordshire.*

team to bowl Essex out for 211 and put behind them the poor performance against Cambridgeshire.

In the final fixture of the season, Suffolk played host to Bedfordshire. Having chosen to bat, Beds posted a competitive total of 246. Making it difficult for themselves, Suffolk slumped to 128-5 but then in came Tom Harper, whose 86 not out alongside captain Alex Oxley's undefeated 31 led the team home.

Overall, an up and down season result-wise but a superbly positive one in relation to developing the best young cricketers within the county.

Hopefully, the county can continue with more three-day fixtures alongside the white-ball games to help players best prepare themselves for National Counties cricket.



## Future looks very bright after double succes

By Rob Southall



*Suffolk Women's team pictured prior to the match versus Hertfordshire at Stowmarket C.C. which Suffolk won by five wickets.*

THE T20 season began with a double-header away to Norfolk. Batting first, runs from Natalie Samuels (43 not out) and Imogen Sidhu (39) steered Suffolk to 123-4. Tight bowling and good fielding all round brought home the victory, after restricting Norfolk to 104-5. In the second fixture Norfolk, batting first, could only manage 76-8 and in reply Petra Tweedy (40 not out) guided Suffolk to a nine-wicket win.

After two concessions from Cambridgeshire the games against Essex were up next to round off the group. Batting first, Suffolk struggled to gain any momentum, losing regular wickets, and finished on a below-par 113 all out. Essex never seemed worried, being able to complete the run chase and win by seven wickets.

The second match saw Essex bat first and capitalise on some loose Suffolk bowling, reaching a massive 171-3. The run chase started well, with Lauren Smith (29) and Petra Tweedy (23) putting on 50 without loss, after which wickets fell consistently and Suffolk finished on 127-9.

After finishing second in the group on Finals Day Suffolk faced third-placed Cambridgeshire. Lauren Swinburne (4-20) was the pick of the attack as Cambridgeshire were

bowled out for 101.

In reply, Lauren Smith (58 not out) top-scored, seeing Suffolk to a seven-wicket win and a place in the final.

In the final Essex won the toss and elected to bat. After losing early wickets, Essex struggled to get started and some superb bowling from Australian Lauren Smith, who turned out for Woolpit CC men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI as their overseas player, took 5-9 which included a final over hat-trick and saw Essex close on 110-9.

A good start once again by Smith (26) and Tweedy (29) gave Suffolk a chance, before a flurry of wickets fell, leaving ten runs needed off the last over.

Amelie Clarke and Oliva Hyndman were able to see Suffolk across the line off the last ball to give Suffolk their first title of the season.

The East of England County Championship was to follow. Up first was a trip to Leicestershire. The only poor batting performance of the season resulted in Suffolk being bowled out for just 123, with Imogen Sidhu (41) providing the only resistance. In reply, Sophie Hughes (3-8) stood out as Leicestershire comfortably won by six wickets.

Concessions from Huntingdonshire and Lincolnshire gave



Suffolk some hope. Suffolk then travelled to Northamptonshire, where after losing the toss and being inserted, Suffolk then put on their most dominant batting performance.

Lauren Smith (115) top-scored and put on a partnership of 203 with Isobel Sidhu (88) as the visitors finished with a total of 266-3 off their 45 overs.

In reply, Northamptonshire were bowled out for 148, with Amelie Clarke (5-22) the pick of the bowlers. A convincing win putting Suffolk's season back on track.

First played second when Suffolk welcomed Hertfordshire. Winning the toss and electing to bat, Hertfordshire reached 210-7, with the seven wickets being shared throughout the bowling attack.

Isobel Sidhu (39) and Sophie Hughes (26) put on 98 for the first wicket before Hughes fell. Imogen Sidhu (42 not out) led the run chase and was able to see Suffolk home for a five-wicket win with plenty of time to spare.

The final game of the season was away to Norfolk, and after electing to bat Isobel Sidhu (111 not out) and Sophie Hughes (61) once again got Suffolk off to a great start, amassing 128 before Hughes fell.

Isobel Sidhu then led Suffolk to 265-5.

Norfolk put up a good fight in reaching



*Lauren Smith (facing camera) celebrates with team-mates after claiming a hat-trick versus Essex in the T20 Final.*

219-7, Lauren Swinburne (4-54) the pick of the bowlers as the hosts were beaten by 46 runs.

This meant that Suffolk Women claimed their second title of the season. This was a superb effort from a very young side and the future looks very bright. The success of the squad was recognised at the Active Suffolk Awards 2022 where they won the Team of the Year accolade.



*Suffolk Women's cricket team won the Team of the Year Award at the Active Suffolk Awards 2022. Pictured with the award are (left to right) Lauren Swinburne, Natalie Samuels and Andy Northcote.*



# The Sidhu sisters thrive on their sibling rivalry

By Nick Garnham

"THEY'VE got the Sidhu triplets" has become a familiar remark when Suffolk sides have turned up to play their opponents in recent years.

Sisters Imogen, Isobel and Poppy Sidhu have become regulars in not only the Suffolk age group teams but now the Suffolk Women's side.

The triplets last season helped Suffolk to win the Vitality Women's Regional T20 competition for the first time and the East of England competition at the first attempt.

The sisters, who celebrated their 19<sup>th</sup> birthdays in October, started playing cricket at St Marys Primary School in Woodbridge at the age of ten, and after being inspired by their brother Tom joined Melton St Audry's Girls' Under-11s.

They went to Farlingaye High School, where they occasionally played indoor cricket, and their team reached the Lady Taverners U13s National Finals at Lord's in 2017.

The triplets started playing for Suffolk U13s in the same year, but were on the periphery of the Suffolk squad. By the time they were U15s they had become regulars and continued through U17/18s and to the Women's side, although Imogen has played for Suffolk Women from the age of 14.

Imogen, Isobel and Poppy were born nine weeks prematurely and in that order one minute apart, to Rajinder and Suzanne on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2003.

Their cricket-loving father Rajinder, who is known as Sid, moved to Suffolk in 1991 after being born and bred in Birmingham, where he played on the city's streets as no club cricket was available to him.

In the same year he met his future wife Suzanne, who has learnt to love the game and the couple watch their three daughters play whenever they can.

Sid said reaching the Lady Taverners finals at Lord's with Farlingaye School five years ago had been the stand-out moment of their daughters' cricketing achievements so far.

"We are very proud that three sisters from a state school can compete within a sport dominated by private schools," he said.

"We hope they continue to enjoy playing cricket and make lots of friends from numerous clubs and counties."

The girls, who all still play for Melton St Audry's in the Women's East Anglian Premier League, have all enjoyed individual as well as team success and thrive on their sibling rivalry.

Imogen, who is currently studying psychology at Anglia Ruskin in Cambridge, was the leading run-scorer nationally in county T20s and top run-scorer in last season's EAPL.

She said: "I enjoy being competitive with my sisters as well as supporting them whether they are batting or bowling. Sometimes it can appear that we are arguing but we always want each other to do well and ultimately win."



Isobel, Poppy and Imogen Sidhu pictured before Suffolk's match against Hertfordshire at Stowmarket C.C.

Isobel, who has been on a gap year playing cricket in Adelaide before attending Surrey University to study veterinary medicine later this year, was the top run-scorer in the EAPL in 2021 and leading run-scorer in last season's East of England County Championship.

"There is always a friendly competitive spirit between us, to see who can score the most runs or take the most wickets, which always keeps the game lively and engaging," said Isobel.

And Poppy, who is studying pharmacy at the University of East Anglia, captained the Suffolk U18s side that reached the national finals for the first time last season.

She said: "It helps me improve my game as we are more competitive with each other than other players, both in training and games. That challenges me to work hard as they do to keep up with them."



Poppy Sidhu bowling for Suffolk v. Hertfordshire at Stowmarket C.C.

# Facts and figures

Qualification: 100 runs/10 wickets/played in 2022

*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	1935 AN Gardiner	5	10	0	152	48	15.20	63	1	63.00
1914 EEG Alderwick	4	8	0	161	37	20.12	-	-	-	1960 LG Garrett	7	12	1	108	21	9.81	-	-	-
1953 HW Aldous	15	18	5	102	22*	7.84	-	-	-	2021 JS Gattling	4	6	0	151	84	25.16	230	14	16.42
1909 CL Alexander	5	9	1	130	58	16.25	31	0	-	c1952 CBT Gibbons	70	119	19	3227	156	32.27	424	7	60.57
1909 CW Alexander	4	8	2	212	52	35.33	20	0	-	c1954 KC Girkir	43	78	2	1809	93	23.80	929	30	30.96
2001 CWJ Athey	6	11	1	205	87	20.50	167	4	41.75	c1988 C Gladwin	13	26	5	1039	171*	49.47	423	9	47.00
c1934 CC Bailey	17	27	4	347	45*	15.08	200	1	200.00	1910 E Godley	7	13	1	203	45	16.91	-	-	-
c1980 MD Bailey	68	57	18	373	24	9.56	3079	108	28.50	2022 M Godwin	5	4	0	110	53	22.00	-	-	-
1998 A Baker	8	2	0	18	10	9.00	407	14	29.07	c1990 AK Golding	54	63	19	680	79	15.45	6272	255	24.59
1948 ER Baker	27	41	6	715	66	20.42	-	-	-	1904 JN Goldsmith	22	34	11	131	14*	5.69	896	33	27.15
c1972 PD Barker	69	116	11	2355	108*	22.42	1352	50	27.04	1905 R Gorell-Barnes	9	16	0	285	136	17.81	294	16	18.37
1908 H Bassett	16	28	3	453	54	18.12	657	27	24.33	c1934 HB Goundry	24	37	5	479	50	14.96	1203	50	24.06
2010 DP Batch	3	6	2	121	72	30.25	99	4	24.75	1980 CC Graham	20	21	12	66	11*	7.33	881	26	33.88
2013 JA Beaumont	31	50	7	998	74	23.02	1762	55	32.03	c1989 ID Graham	62	88	21	1772	91*	26.44	4460	135	33.03
c1939 BH Belle	92	148	21	4459	175*	35.11	362	9	40.22	1978 MA Grant	6	10	2	111	39*	13.87	419	26	16.11
1909 SG Bennett	10	17	1	343	84	21.43	-	-	-	1946 JLF Gray	9	12	1	196	67	17.81	-	-	-
c1977 DG Bevan	9	15	1	607	95	43.35	14	1	14.00	1963 JE Green	12	19	4	258	74	17.20	-	-	-
1910 FN Bird	7	14	2	343	110*	28.58	-	-	-	c1982 RC Green	66	60	27	281	19*	8.51	4794	222	21.59
1938 DTM Birks	26	38	4	445	77	13.08	244	5	48.80	1991 RR Gregg	33	55	7	787	90	16.39	2335	54	43.24
c2005 JE Bishop	49	72	12	1473	88	24.55	4091	140	29.22	c2012 SM Guy	18	32	3	1369	216	47.20	4	0	-
2018 OS Bocking	10	10	6	53	17*	13.25	942	38	24.78	1962 D Hall	4	3	3	6	5*	-	309	18	17.16
1996 A Bond	11	9	8	22	10*	22.00	831	15	55.40	1968 JE Hall	27	50	1	811	53	16.55	36	2	18.00
c1981 RJ Bond	38	62	13	1032	62	21.06	21	1	21.00	c1986 SJ Halliday	73	133	16	2939	113	25.11	63	0	-
1947 PES Bowerbank	3	4	0	112	70	28.00	48	2	24.00	1974 BJ Hamer	13	12	6	55	26*	9.16	868	29	29.93
1906 GGS Brander	5	10	2	143	35*	17.87	12	0	-	1953 IF Hammond	7	12	1	150	51	13.63	78	1	78.00
1951 EJ Branton	10	11	3	42	14	5.25	510	14	36.42	c1947 HS Hargreaves	37	43	10	313	56	9.48	3251	175	18.57
1986 KG Brooks	9	15	1	220	76	15.71	314	11	28.54	c1962 JM Hargreaves	91	111	35	902	55	11.86	6296	267	23.58
c1985 AD Brown	92	85	39	764	61	16.60	-	-	-	c1960 JH Harris	31	44	9	627	76*	17.91	1310	45	29.11
2001 AM Brown	9	16	1	458	90	30.53	7	0	-	c1981 PJ Hayes	66	91	31	1291	101*	21.51	2919	106	27.53
c1934 AA Burgess	3	6	0	164	100	27.33	136	1	136.00	1988 RJ Heap	4	8	0	106	64	13.25	52	1	52.00
1913 HA Busher	6	12	2	143	57*	14.30	65	3	21.66	2004 TDC Hembry	8	10	0	210	84	21.00	-	-	-
1991 RO Butcher	7	14	0	391	74	27.92	-	-	-	1904 FAH Henley	4	6	1	57	23*	11.40	277	15	18.46
1993 KA Butler	8	15	1	346	70	24.71	48	0	-	1938 RA Henley	8	8	3	33	16*	6.60	472	12	39.33
c1982 PJ Caley	220	342	74	9296	150*	34.68	5960	163	36.56	c1946 DF Henley-Welch	45	79	5	2338	169*	31.59	2022	81	24.96
2016 JJ Cantrell	19	30	9	717	71	34.14	1111	45	24.68	1984 R Herbert	23	37	5	576	53*	18.00	1649	70	23.55
1994 DM Carter	15	8	4	18	9	4.50	874	38	23.00	1908 SH Hill-Wood	11	19	3	368	58	23.00	-	-	-
1904 C Catchpole	7	11	1	196	66	19.60	-	-	-	c1976 RNS Hobbs	32	36	9	347	29*	12.85	2771	144	19.24
c1935 H Catchpole	11	17	2	353	107	23.53	463	13	35.61	c1935 GW Hockey	24	40	5	1021	86*	29.17	684	19	36.00
c1934 N Catchpole	8	13	1	147	49	12.25	823	35	23.51	1993 MJ Holland	7	8	3	125	74	25.00	-	-	-
1904 W Catchpole	11	20	0	284	42	14.20	47	1	47.00	1907 F Hollings	7	11	1	111	42	11.10	-	-	-
1999 MD Catley	12	22	0	620	110	28.18	-	-	-	c1934 RV Howard	25	38	8	505	104*	16.83	960	23	41.73
c1992 RJ Catley	63	110	10	2840	130*	28.40	634	22	28.81	c1967 RF Howlett	146	243	45	5587	101*	28.21	1109	35	31.68
c1999 TM Catley	41	67	4	1626	126	25.80	28	0	-	1957 PB Hudson	22	32	5	309	36*	11.44	1012	33	30.66
2016 JLO Cawkwell	9	15	0	555	143	37.00	-	-	-	c2006 TB Huggins	63	119	10	4920	170	45.13	4091	185	22.11
1947 E Cawston	25	41	1	581	53	14.52	1037	36	28.80	2011 M.D. Hunn	13	12	5	53	31	7.57	953	46	20.71
c1936 RF Clark	22	31	8	446	70	19.39	-	-	-	1906 JF Ireland	15	24	0	1100	229	45.83	590	39	15.12
2021 B Claydon	7	11	4	283	51*	40.42	410	16	25.62	2017 DA Ironside	20	35	4	1022	152	32.96	772	17	45.41
c1974 SM Clements	184	338	37	9219	154	30.62	1581	57	27.73	1970 JPS Jamieson	6	10	1	106	31	11.77	28	1	28.00
1936 AC Clift	6	9	3	51	38	8.50	457	11	41.54	c1971 PH Jones	97	166	24	3853	95	27.13	5924	267	22.18
1994 J Clinch	15	28	5	608	84	26.43	61	0	-	c1934 AS Kent	19	28	6	320	51*	14.54	-	-	-
1904 PW Cobbold	20	31	0	394	53	12.70	1886	152	12.40	1987 A King	8	13	1	129	35	10.75	-	-	-
c1955 RA Collinge	12	17	5	244	40	20.33	933	55	16.96	1936 PAKing	9	17	3	80	23	5.71	602	24	25.08
c2010 MA Comber	33	54	2	1410	194	27.11	1468	63	23.30	c1997 PD King	53	58	11	541	98	11.51	3233	106	30.50
c1946 MD Corke	106	176	18	3405	163	21.55	184	1	184.00	c1998 GM Kirk	23	19	9	39	18*	3.90	1761	100	17.61
1906 PP Cornell	22	41	10	248	35*	8.00	-	-	-	2009 FA Klokker	6	10	2	328	67	41.00	-	-	-
1934 VJ Covill	6	9	0	113	34	12.55	264	10	26.40	1972 DH Knights	24	45	2	762	120*	17.72	-	-	-
c1936 M Crannis	36	47	14	203	19	6.15	1799	70	25.70	2019 FIN Khushi	2	3	2	227	120*	227.00	4	0	-
1957 JG Crisp	3	2	1	0	0*	-	157	10	15.70	1904 HW Lake	8	13	4	165	59	18.33	-	-	-
c2006 M G Cull	64	120	10	3857	208*	35.06	100	1	100.00	1913 RD Lake	4	8	0	122	53	15.25	-	-	-
c1965 CJ Cunnell	59	105	15	1868	97*	20.75	2	1	2.00	1958 FG Lambert	6	11	0	235	69	21.36	-	-	-
c1960 RE Cunnell	167	262	56	5376	117*	26.09	5598	243	23.03	1907 AH Lang	11	18	2	409	60	25.56	-	-	-
c1957 AG Cutter	16	22	5	198	46*	11.64	1016	41	24.78	1958 JDF Larter	4	1	1	0	0*	-	285	14	20.35
c1939 JV Daley	8	8	2	166	49	27.66	952	46	20.69	1913 HM Lawrence	5	10	3	106	62*	15.14	423	16	26.43
c1934 B Darvill	11	18	1	362	54	21.29	15	1	15.00	c1966 CR Layne	45	51	20	200	23*	6.45	3007	119	25.26
1938 HT Davy	7	10	2	184	87	23.00	-	-	-	c2004 NT Lee	28	48	7	1341	105	32.70	5	0	-
1905 RH Dewing	8	14	1	255	88*	19.61	-	-	-	c1936 RC Leech	8	13	2	112	29	10.18	734	24	30.58
1938 TH Digings	9	15	4	316	104	28.72	111	2	55.50	1992 S Leggett	7	6	4	9	8*	4.50	513	10	51.30
1979 RP Done	12	19	5	221	34*	15.78	848	29	29.24	1906 VJ Lewis	16	28	1	301	63	11.14	-	-	-
2017 HA Douglas	5	3	2	37	16*	37.00	421	20	21.05	1963 DJ Ling	27	45	6	677	88	17.35	685	20	34.25
c1950 PR Downing	46	66	12	861	74	15.94	772	32	24.12	c1934 FH Lloyd	9	12	2	27	6	2.70	530	13	40.76
c1946 W Duckham	45	72	9	1380	96	21.90	2481	126	19.69	c1934 CC Lockett	7	10	0	273	91	27.30	48	0	-
2000 JP East	6	9	4	67	35	13.40	437	11	39.72	1974 SRL Long	39	64	4	1197	98	19.95	18	0	-
c1991 RE East	17	20	5	229	48	15.26	516	13	39.69	1938 EW Lovegrove	8	10	1	167	43	18.55	-	-	-
c1981 JW Edrich	47	88	7	1990	107*	24.56	227	4	56.75	1952 CWS Lubbock	9	12	0	127	49				



Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av	Debut	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Av	Runs	Wkts	Av
1949 PJ Murton	7	11	3	141	60*	17.62	68	2	34.00	c1996 KG Shaw	38	48	10	533	40	14.02	1374	45	30.53
1904 D Mustard	21	36	3	528	69	16.00	116	5	23.20	c2012 BD Shepperson	32	55	1	1489	129	27.57	215	5	43.00
1904 FH Mustard	28	45	5	1339	110*	33.47	1405	56	25.08	1960 CP Simpson	15	22	2	264	47	13.20	157	2	78.50
2021 AM Northcote	3	5	0	82	39	20.50	-	-	-	1954 AF Skinner	4	6	1	112	41	22.40	-	-	-
2010 MJ Nunn	4	7	1	17	11	2.83	254	10	25.40	1936 AH Sleigh	5	10	0	121	32	12.10	6	1	6.00
1983 KP Offord	15	26	1	452	49*	18.08	52	0	-	1937 GWO Smith	14	26	0	312	45	12.00	-	-	-
2017 AG Oxley	17	26	1	941	124	36.19	4	0	-	2007 MJW Smith	12	9	3	115	29	19.16	1163	35	33.22
1936 FE Pagan	7	13	0	127	29	9.76	-	-	-	c2002 TM Smith	22	29	6	435	49	18.91	2260	87	25.97
1914 RD Pafford	4	8	0	143	57	17.87	63	0	-	c1985 AJ Squire	69	121	10	3031	139	27.30	88	2	44.00
2010 AP Palladino	3	4	1	113	43	37.66	321	19	16.89	1904 HF Steel	9	14	0	48	16	3.42	495	21	23.57
2015 BJ Parker	18	31	1	671	105	22.36	-	-	-	c1949 JN Stevens	45	51	21	415	51*	13.83	2964	118	25.11
1995 TE Parker	10	13	2	95	21	8.63	446	14	31.85	1969 JA Steward	13	19	2	191	54*	11.23	394	9	43.77
c1988 MJ Peck	51	94	16	1712	80	21.94	45	3	15.00	2013 R Stockdale	6	6	4	16	6	8.00	520	16	32.50
1905 W Penfold	66	114	11	1317	84	12.78	6325	375	16.86	1968 J Stoggett	11	13	4	70	17	7.77	507	23	22.04
c1939 GC Perkins	181	210	77	2044	67	15.36	10399	779	13.34	c1969 JP Stuck	64	111	12	2252	113	22.74	2	0	-
1904 CM Phillips	19	30	4	484	59	18.61	18	0	-	1973 KG Suttle	15	29	1	612	60	21.85	626	26	24.07
1965 EJ Phillips	6	7	2	28	10*	5.60	436	24	18.16	c1999 CA Swallow	60	78	18	1495	72*	24.91	3671	116	31.64
c1997 RW Pineo	29	35	7	495	70	17.67	1894	63	30.06	1910 FL Titchmarsh	24	43	3	523	52	13.07	272	7	38.85
c1955 CHC Piper	107	172	21	2641	120	17.49	-	-	-	1948 WR Towns	10	13	4	279	67	31.00	-	-	-
1969 R Plumbly	8	13	5	113	42*	14.12	-	-	-	1973 JRA Townsend	7	14	1	337	90	25.92	23	0	-
2014 NJ Poole	12	23	1	455	80	20.68	161	4	40.25	1904 FG Trudgett	64	98	34	414	20	6.46	4933	276	17.87
c1934 HL Porter	58	99	9	2969	146	32.98	46	1	46.00	2009 PT Turnbull	5	6	1	193	89	38.60	90	1	90.00
2012 JE Poulson	20	28	7	515	66	24.52	807	25	32.28	c1951 EJ Unwin	20	30	5	650	74	26.00	506	20	25.30
c1938 AG Powell	24	31	1	748	118	24.93	-	-	-	1954 RC Upson	17	20	4	110	34*	6.87	748	21	35.61
c1934 HFJ Powell	11	17	3	433	84*	30.92	79	0	-	2016 JB Wakelin	8	10	3	78	21	11.14	618	16	38.62
c1956 ID Prior	81	153	13	4841	136	34.57	7	0	-	1905 OH Walters	6	10	0	182	41	18.20	-	-	-
c1958 MW Prior	16	23	5	154	18*	8.55	1045	53	19.71	2010 SBJ Ward	18	28	4	699	73*	29.12	-	-	-
1904 E Pritchett	15	27	1	544	126	20.92	-	-	-	2022 M Wareing	17	26	12	95	22*	6.78	1416	56	25.28
1986 R Pybus	18	20	12	98	24	12.25	1448	59	24.54	c2000 CJ Warn	80	119	18	2791	165*	27.63	7	0	-
1905 W Quaife	38	65	3	1325	93	21.37	-	-	-	c1965 AG Warrington	147	280	13	7623	130	28.55	109	2	54.50
2022 A Quinn	1	2	0	6	4	3.00	-	-	-	1908 F Waters	10	18	8	57	11*	5.70	520	18	28.88
1948 N Quinton	9	6	3	25	13	8.33	248	10	24.80	1965 AJ Watkins	7	11	1	253	53	25.30	351	19	18.47
c1994 DW Randall	50	91	5	3935	148	45.75	30	2	15.00	1910 AK Watson	11	20	2	419	128	23.27	-	-	-
c2011 TWW Rash	53	89	15	1876	103*	25.35	3222	117	27.53	1964 KP Watson	9	16	1	236	64	15.73	-	-	-
1984 PWE Rawson	6	9	3	245	81	40.83	444	11	40.36	c1934 HP Waugh	44	68	6	1515	108*	24.43	2107	84	25.08
1904 K Raynor	27	48	7	1067	96	26.02	494	28	17.64	1968 AL Webb	11	19	4	201	47*	13.40	258	8	32.25
2015 BJ Reece	14	25	3	496	66	22.54	582	14	41.57	1934 HC Webb	3	5	0	101	61	20.20	70	0	-
2008 S Rees	16	15	4	157	30	14.27	605	17	35.58	2005 T Webley	6	11	3	284	109	35.50	-	-	-
2022 G Rhodes	3	6	1	308	148	61.60	282	9	31.33	1937 JH Weller-Poley	4	7	1	102	39	17.00	99	1	99.00
1979 PC Rice	27	53	3	1001	78	20.02	4	0	-	c1973 SA Westley	97	119	31	1575	124	17.89	11	0	-
c1947 MR Ricketts	53	86	4	1606	89	19.58	361	14	25.78	1911 AD Whatman	4	8	0	184	77	23.00	-	-	-
c1968 RJ Robinson	109	184	32	2811	78	18.49	5674	191	29.70	c1957 WAD Whitfield	37	59	13	684	69	14.86	1958	80	24.47
1961 BA Rolph	12	19	1	326	62	18.11	203	10	20.30	c1994 KM Wijesuriya	42	76	9	2197	112	32.79	1384	30	46.13
2014 WT Root	1	1	1	210	210*	-	35	0	-	c1955 BA Wilson	39	64	11	1046	107*	19.73	1057	42	25.16
c1965 C Rutterford	137	132	61	938	57	13.21	9261	431	21.48	1905 CS Wilson	17	27	1	411	93	15.80	87	1	87.00
2021 J Rymell	1	2	0	144	139	72.00	-	-	-	1908 FTD Wilson	17	30	1	778	183	26.82	887	43	20.62
2016 MET Salisbury	4	7	2	100	58*	20.00	425	15	28.33	1905 HL Wilson	44	74	6	1568	131	23.05	527	16	32.93
c1936 JM Sangster	62	101	6	2006	144	21.11	86	1	86.00	1904 FP Wood	14	25	2	283	38	12.30	142	3	47.33
2006 CP Schofield	5	8	1	367	92*	52.42	472	32	14.75	c1984 HJW Wright	33	50	14	652	86	18.11	2008	66	30.42
1963 ME Scrutton	11	22	4	489	55	27.16	158	7	22.57	c1934 RC Wright	6	10	0	199	107	19.90	90	1	90.00
c1997 CP Seal	41	58	12	911	79*	19.80	1773	62	28.59	1904 HS Wrinch	8	14	1	251	70	19.30	28	1	28.00
1998 ACH Seymour	19	28	2	813	99	31.26	594	14	42.42	1910 SH Wrinch	4	6	0	106	76	17.66	9	0	-
2022 D Shanks	2	1	1	0	-	-	112	5	22.40	2017 KP Young	19	33	1	896	139	28.00	1008	30	33.60
1949 W Sharples	4	5	0	16	9	3.20	239	12	19.91	1988 JJ Zagni	13	21	7	215	66*	15.35	638	13	49.07



The three leading run-scorers in Suffolk's history, having scored more than 26,000 championship runs between them, are pictured together in the corporate hospitality marquee at the NCCA Showcase match versus Kent Spitfires at Woolpit Cricket Club. They are (left to right) Phil Caley (9,296 runs), Tony Warrington (7,623 runs) and Simon Clements (9,219 runs).



## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1904 - 2022

Opponents	Played	Won	Lost	Tied	Drawn
Bedfordshire	77	28	19	1	29
Berkshire	8	4	2	-	2
Buckinghamshire	70	22	21	-	27
Cambridgeshire	86	23	27	-	36
Cheshire*	2	2	1		1
Cumberland	31	9	4	-	18
Durham	11	2	4	-	5
Essex II	24	3	6	-	15
Hertfordshire	124	30	44	-	50
Lincolnshire	81	21	21	-	39
Middlesex II	15	1	5	-	9
Norfolk	123	36	26	-	61
Northumberland	30	11	10	-	9
Nottinghamshire II	4	-	3	-	1
Oxfordshire	5	-	4	-	1
Staffordshire	38	7	11	-	20
Surrey II	11	-	8	-	3
	<b>740</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>326</b>

\*includes limited overs final of 1985

\*\* no Championships matches in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic

## 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

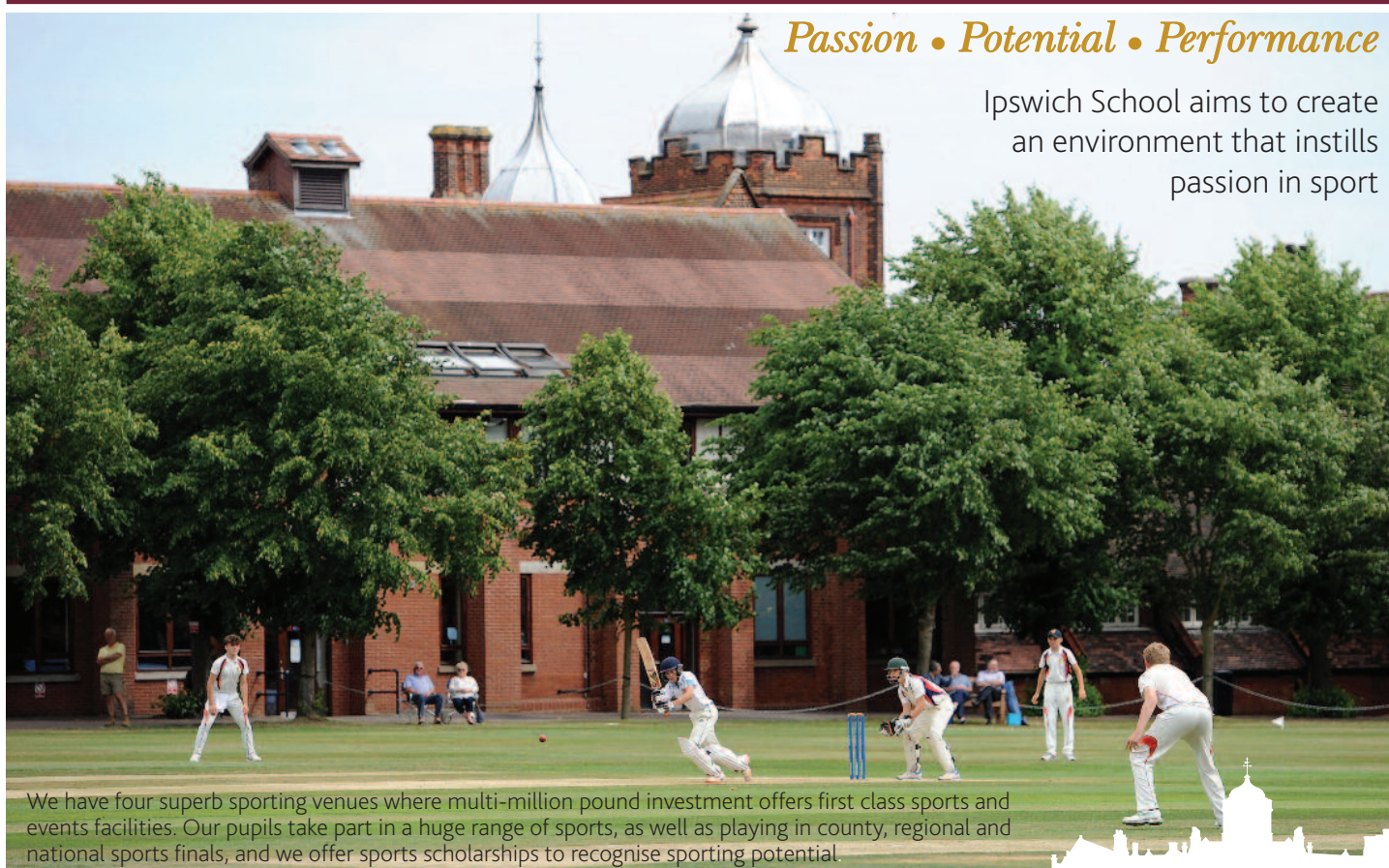
Highest for Suffolk: 236\* Hassan Adnan v Northumberland at Jesmond 2011  
 Against Suffolk: 208\* A.J. Mellor for Staffordshire at Longton 2015  
 Most runs in a season: 1167 Timur Mohamed, 1979  
 Most runs in a career: 9296 P.J. Caley, 1982-2009  
 Most centuries scored: 15 T.B. Huggins 2006-2016  
 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:	89*	Mansfield AP/Claydon B	Staffordshire	Copdock	2021



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# Suffolk put up spirited dis



IT HAD been 16 years since a first-class county last played a competitive match in Suffolk. So the visit of Kent Spitfires in an NCCA Showcase match was eagerly awaited, especially as the fixture had been delayed two years due to Covid – and the day didn't disappoint. The visitors brought a strong side to Suffolk to face the county's men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI at Woolpit Cricket Club. More than 1,000 spectators turned out to watch the match, which saw a total of 722 runs scored as the Spitfires won by 140 runs. Handbook editor Nick Garnham took his camera with him.





# play against Kent Spitfires



1 Gazebos hired by schools and clubs are pictured in the background along one side of the ground.

2 These two young lads proudly display the autographs they collected during the day.

3 The view inside the corporate hospitality tent during lunch.

4 The Stowmarket Concert Band keeping spectators entertained during the match.



5 The groundsmen working on the wicket between innings.

6 Suffolk all-rounder Josh Cantrell signs autographs during a break in play while fielding on the boundary.

7 Woolpit 2<sup>nd</sup> XI players enjoying their own game of cricket in the pool on the boundary's edge.





## BOB CUNNELL

BOB Cunnell will be fondly remembered as Suffolk's most successful Minor Counties captain, leading the county to Championship wins in both 1977 and 1979.

He passed away, aged 80, on January 12th 2023 after developing pneumonia. Bob had been suffering from advanced stages of Parkinson's disease in Orwell Nursing home.

Bob was born in Ipswich on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1942 and attended Northgate Grammar School. He played club cricket for Ipswich side Browns, Saxmundham and finished his career at Copdock.

He was also widely-respected as a cricket coach, with former Suffolk batter and current Suffolk CCC Chairman Andrew Squire recalling the influence Bob had on him as his first coach.

Bob made his Suffolk debut in 1960 versus Lincolnshire at Lincoln and was a regular for 18 seasons, playing 167 matches in the Minor Counties Championship.

Only fellow former captains Phil Caley (220) and Simon Clements (184) along with the county's all-time leading wicket-taker Cyril Perkins (181) have made more Minor Counties appearances for Suffolk.

In 262 innings, 56 of which saw him undefeated, Bob scored 5,376 runs at an average of 26.09. His highest score of 117 not out against Norfolk at Lowestoft's Denes Oval was his only century.



Bob's off spin saw him take 243 wickets at an average of 23.03, with best figures of 8-14 versus Norfolk, also at Lowestoft, when he also took 5-17 in the first innings – the only time he claimed ten or more wickets in a match.

He took five wickets in an innings on seven occasions and held 119 catches.

As well as leading the county to those two Minor Counties Championship titles after play-off wins versus Durham, Bob also skippered Suffolk to a six-run success against Shropshire in the inaugural final of the National Cricket Association Cup in 1975.

He was part of the Suffolk side that faced Kent at Ipswich School in the Gillette Cup at Ipswich School in 1966, catching Colin Cowdrey off the bowling of Dick English for 116.

Bob also dismissed Kent's Stuart Leary for 76, caught by his brother Cliff, who was keeping wicket, before scoring 40, batting

at No.5, as Kent won by 113 runs.

Bob, who was appointed captain of Suffolk in 1973, almost led the county to a famous victory in their Gillette Cup tie away to Sussex in 1979 when they lost by just two wickets. He taught at Chantry High School in Ipswich for 39 years, receiving a BT Teacher award for Lifetime Achievement upon his retirement in 2002.

Bob is survived by his wife Jennie, sister Wendy, son Nick and daughter Sophie and grand-daughter Julia Ann. Brother Cliff passed away in 2016.

## 'He was prepared to lose in order to win a game'

THE Chairman and President of Suffolk CCC both paid tribute to Bob Cunnell's contribution to the county following his death.

Chairman Andrew Squire said: "Bob or RE, as he was also known, was not only Suffolk's most successful ever captain, but he was a fine cricketer too.

"Yes, he had some excellent players at his disposal as a captain, but because he was prepared to lose in order to win a game, Suffolk pulled off some remarkable victories under his leadership.

"He was a very good middle-order bat, who was often undefeated as the strength of the Suffolk side coupled with playing two-day cricket, meant he rarely got in early enough to play a longer innings.

"He was also a very good off-spin bowler who complemented the other members of the Suffolk attack.

"Together with his brother Cliff, better known as CJ, the Cunnells were big characters in the Suffolk cricket fraternity. "Bob will be fondly remembered by all who knew him in cricketing circles and our condolences go out to his family at this sad time."

President Tony Warrington, who played in both Championship-winning sides, said: "Bob was a very good captain both tactically and in managing his team.

"In two-day cricket you have to be prepared to lose in order to win which means you need to take risks and Bob was a risk taker. He would rarely set the opposition more than four runs an over to chase in their second innings to keep them interested and more often than not Suffolk would win. "As a player he was a stylish and reliable batsman and a very good off spin bowler who probably did not bowl enough."

## GORDON RAYNER



*Gordon Rayner pictured in 2014 with The FA Long Service medal to mark his 50 years' service to grassroots football.*

GORDON Rayner, who was a former Chair of the Suffolk Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers, passed away on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the age of 81.

He was a quiet, unassuming and extremely genuine person who was widely-respected in Suffolk Cricket circles.

Gordon, who lived at Hengrave, near Bury St Edmunds, used to opening the batting for Ampton & Culford during his playing days before taking up umpiring.

For nearly 30 years he served with distinction as an umpire in the local leagues, including the Two Counties Championship and the Suffolk Premier League, from the 1980s onwards.

He was highly respected by players and his calm exterior often diffused what could have turned into an awkward situation.

His experience and quiet, courteous manner helped many new umpires to become more confident and he acted as a mentor and helper to many.

Always ready with advice when asked, Gordon often looked at both sides of the question before delivering an accurate and understandable explanation.

He later helped John Goldsmith arrange the Youth fixtures for the popular and long-running Culford School tournament and until fairly recently had also officiated the school's first XI matches.

Gordon also played a vital role in helping Tom Smith with the appointment of umpires to all the Suffolk County

Youth games and dealing with call-offs and reappointments where necessary.

He served the Suffolk Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers in a variety of capacities including as Chair and as a disciplinary panel member for the Two Counties.

Gordon was also heavily involved in local football as a referee and administrator. In July 2014 he was awarded The FA Long Service medal to mark his 50 years' service to the game.

He completed a unique double when he became Chair of Suffolk Football Association at the same time he was Chair of the Suffolk Association of Cricket Umpires & Scorers from 2002-2005.

## TIM HILL

TIM Hill, who was heavily involved in Suffolk Schools' cricket, passed away in May 2022 at the age of 75 in Dorset.

He was manager of the Suffolk Schools' Senior Cricket Squad for 12 years. One of his proudest sporting moments was when he took the Suffolk CA Under-16 side to the national finals in 1986.

Tim was a Youth team selector for both cricket

and rugby at regional and national levels and also secretary of the Suffolk Schools' RFU.

The son of Sir John Hill, a former chief education officer for Suffolk who was an internationally respected educationalist, Tim was born in Hove, Sussex.

After taking a Law degree at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, Tim joined the staff at Newmarket Secondary School for just one term, before it merged with the grammar school next door to become Newmarket Upper School.

Tim, who played cricket for Culford School, Pimperl and The Gents of Suffolk and Bury St Edmunds, spent 19 years there teaching history as well as being the school's examinations officer.

He left Suffolk in 1990 to join the staff at Brynaston School in Dorset, where he taught history and was master in charge of cricket.

Tim, who was also a member of the MCC, continued his involvement in schools' cricket, running most of the Dorset age group sides and getting the Bunbury Festival to Dorset.

He became treasurer of Dorset Schools' Cricket Association in 1993 and went on to become an ESCA South Selector and then an Under-19 National Selector, before joining the ESCA Executive.

He represented schools' cricket on the then newly-formed Dorset Cricket Board and subsequently filled the roles of chair, secretary and treasurer as well as competitions organiser.





# Replies will help to form our strategy to support clubs

*By NICK SHRUBSHALL, Chair of Suffolk Cricket*

AS WE look forward to what we hope will be a long and relatively dry season, it is worth considering the current position that the game we love is at.

Headlines over the past year tell us that many areas of the game are in crisis and that it is riddled with elements that we find unpleasant, uncomfortable, and against so much that we stand by.

The ECB has put in place many business plans that we hope will steady the ship and allow us to move forward as a collective and get back to making the game inclusive for absolutely everyone. Everyone at Suffolk will support these initiatives.

On a lighter note, 2022 saw the national team break out of a slump and play the sort of cricket, particularly at Test level, that many would only have dreamed of.

This positive approach has been refreshing, and brings so many elements of the shorter versions, into an arena that is already beginning to see a positive response from the paying public. Long may it continue!

Nearer to home, our county side is looking forward to

continuing the success on the field that was evident during last season.

Our aim, as a collective board, is to give the squad all the support possible and ensure that long-term plans are in place.

The development of all Youth teams is critical to our development and this area is seen as one of the cornerstones of our business plan. These areas, along with Women's and Girls, Disabled, and schools' participation are upmost in the operational teams' minds, and are central to our core funding.

We can hopefully look over our shoulders at the past few years of upheaval and are grateful that the game is in such a position as to move forward collectively.

There will be challenges ahead, finances will be tight, but the county, as a whole, is well positioned to ensure that the game is open to all and that we welcome everyone to our clubs, coaching, fun days and all other events, and let's keep our fingers crossed for many sunny days ahead.

Enjoy the season!

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## Junior cricket in younger age groups continues to grow

*By ROB JONES, Operations Director of Suffolk Cricket*

WELL, what a summer we had. Firstly, the weather meant that for the first time in many years, clubs weren't concerned about rain affecting matches, but sun. The hot weather we experienced meant grounds volunteers were often putting covers on wickets to try and keep moisture in, rather than off, match wickets. We even heard of one or two instances where severe cracks were appearing in the outfielders because of the dry weather.

To hopefully assist clubs with grounds, we carried out an audit last year, which will form part of our 10-year Facilities Strategy. We asked Suffolk clubs to provide us information about the condition of not only their outfield but square, cricket net facilities, non-turf pitches and machinery.

Thanks to all the clubs that responded, their replies will help form our strategy on support clubs needed and they will receive priority with any relevant grant funding.

We all know we live in one of the driest parts of the country and I suspect this will become more of a problem. Thankfully the ECB introduced their County Grants schemes, which has a number of different projects, clubs can receive grants for.

This includes Bore Holes and I know a few clubs were successful in receiving funding to help keep their grounds in good condition and safe for all players. At the end of October last year affiliated Suffolk clubs had received over £100k in grants.

The scheme is open for 2023 so I'd encourage clubs to consider what their priorities are, check they meet the criteria and then initially contact Rob Jones ([rjones@suffolkcricket.org](mailto:rjones@suffolkcricket.org) or 07738 199152) to discuss further.

The fine weather also meant our women's and men's teams managed to play a lot of international cricket last summer. The women's team played in the Commonwealth Games, where they were one of the favourites to win on home soil (no concerns over cracked outfielders for them !), unfortunately they fell short at the semi-final stage, beaten by India who went on to lose to Australia in the final.

On the men's side, during the summer there was a reversal of fortunes, with a period of transition for both white and red-ball teams. The white ball seemed to struggle a bit following Eoin Morgan stepping down as captain, whereas the Test team seemed to thrive, playing an attacking brand of cricket.

At the time of writing though we've just had a T20 series win over Pakistan, so hopefully this white-ball form continued and brought us success in the T20 World Cup in Australia. (*Indeed it did - Ed*).

Returning to recreational cricket and once again it was a busy summer. Many of the Suffolk Cricket Development Team along with casual coaches delivered Chance to Shine in 72 schools.

This has meant over 9,000 boys and girls have received coaching from our qualified coaches, hopefully inspiring some of them to join their local cricket club and who knows one day also go onto represent their country.

We also had nearly 1,000 children sign up to either the ECB's All Stars (5-8 years) or Dynamos (8-11 years) programme. These programmes offer children a set number of weeks coaching and activities with the emphasis on having fun in a safe environment.

Junior cricket in these younger age groups continues to

grow, however many clubs still struggle to retain teenagers. We'd encourage clubs to speak to the 11-12 year olds at their club and find out what would keep them playing or even volunteering at their club.

The programmes also encourage parents and guardians to get involved and many clubs have found that they'll happily volunteer at junior sessions, so maybe something for all clubs to consider?

Trying to help clubs find more volunteers will be one of our priorities for 2023. We ran Young Leaders (14-16 years) cohorts last year and to date 25 youngsters have completed all the requirements including a minimum of 20 hours volunteering at their local club.

Our aim is to continue this programme and hopefully attract the next generation of volunteers. We're also looking at trying to encourage more parents and guardians to help officiate junior matches at clubs.

They'd watch experienced scorers and umpires officiate a match, observing and learning what they do for a few overs, then switch, however still be supported where necessary.

On a senior playing front, we know and appreciate fielding teams on a regular basis is always a challenge for cricket clubs. People nowadays have so many things going on, it's difficult to commit to playing week in, week out during a season.

I know leagues continue to look at several options to try and help clubs, which include geographical divisions to reduce travel, loan player system, reducing number of teams per divisions to 'free' up one or two weekends, flexible start times, even different formats, etc. Suffolk Cricket will encourage leagues to ask players what they want and then hopefully adapt to the majority of views.

Women's softball continues to grow, as more and more ladies want to play a fun and social version of the game. Those clubs that have formed a ladies' section to play softball cricket, have seen many benefits. Not only does it bring a new group of players, along with their family members into a club, but also more volunteers, increased income and social events.

I'd ask *all* clubs however small, to consider starting women's softball at their club, because it's potentially 50% of the population you're not currently engaging with!

For all the cricket activity that happens, we must always remember safeguarding is a priority. I'm therefore pleased that Graham Moss has moved from his many years volunteering as County Safeguarding Officer to a salaried position.

This has allowed Graham to spend more time implementing safeguarding procedures, more face-to-face engagement and time to be able to support Club Safeguarding Officers, leagues and associations. We're also fortunate that Andy Northcote acts as Deputy County Safeguarding Officer, so is able to assist Graham as required.

The ECB not only consider safeguarding to be a priority for County Boards, but also have many other areas we have to comply with as part of the County Partnership Agreement (CPA).

It is a challenge to try and meet everything that is currently asked of us and I know this is something many county boards are pushing back to the ECB. The key for us is for the ECB to show clear leadership and focus on the key priorities that will make a difference to recreational cricket.

I know the cost of living and usual challenges clubs face, will mean it's potentially going to be a difficult 2023 season. Whilst the Development team will continue to support, I'd encourage clubs to be creative in the things they do. This could include;

- Discuss and agree what your priorities are? Develop a plan with clear actions to succeed
- Seek your players and volunteers feedback
- Softball cricket for women (and men!)
- Recruiting new players (eg contact ex-players to see if they'd play a handful of matches. Other sports, organisations, promote in local schools, run taster sessions.
- If purely playing Saturday cricket link with Sunday club or vice versa. Clubs running National Programmes have found parents 'returning' to play senior cricket)
- Encourage leagues to look at different options if that's what 'your' players want
- Reward your volunteers (eg membership, vouchers, 'FREE' drink / food, 'Thank-you' event, letter etc)
- Recruiting new volunteers (eg be specific about roles required and promote accordingly. Community Action Suffolk have volunteer database, parents, guardians from junior section, over 60's groups, Men's Sheds, Young Leaders etc)
- Consider running ECB National Programmes (All Stars and / or Dynamos)
- Open clubhouse to community (eg exposure, extra income, volunteers, sponsors)

Finally, I'd like to thank the Suffolk Cricket Board and the Development Team, for all the work and support they provide. Much of it is carried out 'behind the scenes' however our intention is always to try and sustain and improve cricket in Suffolk.

I'd like to wish everyone all the very best for this season and please remember if you need any help, please contact me or a member of the team.



*Youngsters take part in the Finborough School Kwik Cricket Festival on the outfield at Woolpit C.C during the lunch interval at Suffolk's Showcase match versus Kent Spitfires*



# Copdock & OI CC scoop national award

COPDOCK & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club's work in their local community saw them scoop a national award. The club won the Connecting Communities category in the ECB Grassroots Cricket Awards.

Copdock were put forward for the award after winning the category in the Suffolk Cricket awards, which were hosted at Essex County Cricket Club in a joint venture with Essex and Cambridgeshire Cricket Boards.

The award was for the cricket club's work with refugees living in the village, their partnership with Achilles Youth FC and using the club's pavilion to host a 'Friendship Club' to help people with their Mental Health.

Martin Taylor, the club's head of facilities and lead groundsman, said: "As a club we are overwhelmed to have won a national award for our work in the community.

"It would not have been possible without the support and goodwill of our partners and thus I would like to add my own thanks to David and the gang at Achilles Youth Football Club, and Peter and Sheila Herd from IFA for their amazing work in setting up, supporting and running the 'Friendship Club'.

"We have always believed we have a role to be 'much more' than just a cricket club and it's lovely that the values and work have been recognised in this way."

The Suffolk winners were as follows:

**Volunteer Grounds Management Team of the Year:** Mildenhall CC

**Unsung Hero:** Martin Trimby (Yoxford CC)



*Martin Taylor (left) of Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC receives the ECB Grassroots Cricket Award from Suffolk Cricket's Senior Cricket Development Officer Andrew Blanchard (right) at Copdock.*

**Safe Hands Award:** Neil Spencer & Chieko Shinomiya (Yoxford CC)

**Rising Star:** Louis Blanchard (Stowupland CC)

**Lifetime Achiever:** David Stephens-Row (Battisford & District CC)

**Inspired to Play:** Suzan Shepperson (Nowton CC)

**Growing the Game:** Craig Woollard (Worlington CC)

**Game Changer:** Lera Tarasenko (Ipswich & East Suffolk CC)

**Cricket Innovators:** James French (Walsham-le-Willows CC)

**Connecting Communities:** Copdock & Old Ipswichian CC

## CLIFF PIPER MEMORIAL AWARDS

### Kira and Harry are latest winners

KIRA Trimby and Harry Du Toit are the winners of this year's Cliff Piper Memorial Awards.

Kira, who will be 14 in September, attends Thomas Mills School in Framlingham and plays for Yoxford CC.

She is an opening bowler and middle-order bat who last season represented the county's Under-13 Suns.

Her stand-out performances in 2022 were taking three wickets for just four runs versus Essex and scoring 35 not out against Norfolk.

Harry, who will celebrate his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday in July, is a student at St Botolphs Primary School in Botesdale and a member of Stowupland CC.

He is a middle-order bat and right-arm medium pace bowler who represented Suffolk Under-10s last year.

Harry's best performances in 2022 were scoring 28 in a T10 match against Essex and picking up two wickets against both Essex and Norfolk.

Both Kira and Harry were due to attend a two-day coaching course at the MCC Cricket Academy at Easter as their prize.

Kira said: "I was really happy to receive the news about being chosen for the Cliff Piper Scholarship this year. Lord's is my favourite ground and we've recently been there to watch England Women and London Spirit matches.

"I was also lucky enough when I was younger to be invited

to an All Stars money-can't-buy experience before a Test match and watched the England men's team practice session.

"I'm really excited and can't wait to get the opportunity to train at the same venue myself."

Harry said of his prize: "Wow that's amazing, am I really going to Lord's and train where the England team train?"



*Kira Trimby and Harry Du Toit, winners of this year's Cliff Piper Memorial Awards*



## SUFFOLK YOUTH CRICKET - BOYS



*Suffolk Boys' Under-10s pictured at the Malvern College Festival.*

### UNDER-10s

*By Andrew Blanchard*

FEEDING from the Suffolk Cricket CUB Hub programme, the Suffolk Young Cricketers' Under-10s enjoyed a busy and progressive summer.

Pleasingly, we were able to complete a full winter programme of three six-week blocks at our Hubs at Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Framlingham, with over 60 children taking part.

The playing season mainly consisted of shorter format fixtures to maximise the playing and learning opportunities for the players. This was blended with the occasional longer format game offer a differing challenge

for those involved. We took part in some exciting games, three of which went to the last ball, with all three results possible.

The boys were competitive in the majority of their fixtures, with clear progression (particularly with the bat) as the season progressed.

There were some impressive individual performances across the season, including Quinlan Gandy reaching fifty on two occasions and finishing the season with over 200 runs.

With the ball George Shropshire took a tally of 11 wickets. Across the season a total of 24 children represented Suffolk U10s.



*The Suffolk Under-11 players can only watch as West Essex celebrate their victory against the hosts during the Minor Counties Festival at RHS Holbrook.*

### UNDER-11s

*By James Sturgeon*

ALL of the boys got straight to it during winter training at the three Cub Hub centres, displaying a brilliant attitude, even when taken outside their comfort zone.

Having spent time together training before the summer, the lads had time to gel and did so incredibly well and showed great spirit throughout the season.

We were fortunate to play in a good number of matches and take part in the Minor Counties Festival at RHS Holbrook. Although results did not always go our way, the boys competed in every game, setting good standards and frequently achieved pre-match targets.

At this age group it is not all about winning but developing cricketers for the future. The way the boys applied themselves and developed during the season is something



they should all be very proud of, and it was a pleasure to coach the entire Cub Hub group.

Hopefully the lads will be able to use their experience last year to propel themselves forwards on their cricketing journey, one that I'm sure will be fruitful if they continue to apply themselves.

Lastly, a huge thanks must be given to all parent supporters, scorers, umpires, coaches and clubs for ensuring that opportunities were available for the squad to learn, develop and have fun whilst playing cricket.

### **UNDER-12s**

*By Terry Small*

A HUGE thanks to the coaches who worked with the boys in the winter at Framingham, with Chris, Andy, Olly, George and myself placing a heavy focus on batting core disciplines.

I'd like to thank Olly, in particular, who spent many hours coding the videos and allocating them to their designated google drive folders for players to study. A monumental task!

Through the season we played Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Middlesex Schools and Bedfordshire/Huntingdonshire, as well as taking part in the Minor Counties Festival at RHS Holbrook.

We rotated players based on the strength of their primary skill, top-order batters batted around the first four positions then missed a game, and so on.

The squad was full of good bowlers each bringing something unique into the attack; if it wasn't someone's day there was always another ready in the wings to alter the outcome.

A handful of captains were utilised through the season, and this formed strong leadership groups. Over the season on-field decision-making was gradually handed over to the players, empowering them to play their game their way. Whilst this meant some matches in the balance were on the wrong end of the win-loss column, it better prepared them for the future, proven more so at the Festival.

This was an incredible experience for everyone involved, the boys' behaviour was exemplary, worthy of the host of this superb venue, and winning it was the icing on the cake.

I'd like to go through the final day. Parkers Pitches provided the decks for the week in the driest summer I can remember; they were all impeccable and this couldn't have been easy.

Being the last day, this particular pitch (we started an hour earlier) started sticky but was going to get easier as the day went on. With Zayan Imam as captain (having not won a toss all season), we had a feeling we were going to have to bat first.

Suffolk did bat first and, unfortunately, lost a wicket in the first over to an absolute Jaffa. Cambs were pumped, Ben Cross dug in his heels, batting sensibly, putting away the rare bad ball and running hard, with team-mates falling around him succumbing to the difficult conditions.

Under-11 Henry Raber showed great resilience, putting on a partnership with Ben Cross, as Suffolk started to fight back. Unwilling to go down without a fight, Isaac Walshe

then decided to take the game to Cambs, blasting 22 off 11 balls.

Oliver Loveday, another U11, dug in like a tick, showing maturity beyond his years. Suffolk finished 121 all out, losing the last four wickets for three runs.

Cambs gained our overs meaning they had the rest of the day to get the runs, however, as they'd bowled us out an hour before the scheduled lunchtime, a quick turnaround meant we had 30 minutes to make something happen. It did.

Hugo Jamie struck with his first ball then again in his second over, and Felix Norris in the third, and four overs in Suffolk had Cambs 10-3 in a final. The walk up the hill to lunch was an easier one for Suffolk, with our strike bowlers leading the march.

During lunch Cambs had their team talk, decided to batten down the hatches and play the long game, only requiring two an over with a small boundary.

Captain Zayan Imam responded well, maintaining pressure with good field placement starving them of runs backed up by the skill of the bowlers.

The next 12 overs went by with no wickets and again momentum was beginning to shift, the tension was growing.

At drinks the boys were focused and calm, they knew they needed a repeat of the start and continue to be 'keen beans' in the field. Immediately Isaac Walshe broke through, followed by Ben Cross with two more in the following over, then bowling in perfect tandem Isaac bagged another two, Cambs were 47-8 and the lion began to roar!

Oliver Loveday and Henry Raber from the U11s were brought on, both bowled brilliant spells and finished the game off with a wicket each as Suffolk won by 48 runs to take the cup, a memory they'll all treasure forever.

The U12s were a joy to coach, thank you to all the parents and the players that stepped up from the U11s when we needed them – Henry Raber, Oliver Loveday, Sankalp Patil, Finnan Miller and club players Freddie Daniels and Toby Kitchen.

### **UNDER-13s**

*By Chris Gange*

THE Under-13s had a very productive season considering it was the first full winter programme back since 2019, although Covid sadly still prevented some of the players from attending all sessions.

The winter programme was action-packed and dominated by a lot of batting and game play specific scenarios. They were all fantastic in the effort and enthusiasm they gave to each session, whether that was against Merlyn the spin machine, throws and sidearms of the various coaches or their peers bowling at them under pressure of scoring rates and areas to hit. It made for very interactive and enjoyable sessions.

The team's playing record across the season was won five, lost five and one abandoned.

The season got off to a positive start with a comprehensive win against Cambridgeshire, with top scores from Kieran Lilley (77 off 83) and Ollie Miller (37 off 37). Wickets were shared around with best figures from Jack Auld (7-0-24-3). Despite posting another score of over 200 we lost to



*The Suffolk Under-13s team.*

Norfolk at Bury St Edmunds CC in the last over in a nail-biting finish. The batting highlight was Lilley's 56 off 65 deliveries.

The team also lost to Bedfordshire despite some good bowling performances from Auld (8-0-25-3) and Malan Du Toit (8-0-28-2).

It was the first time that Suffolk were due to play the Lord's Youth XI and heavy overnight rain meant that this fixture was very unlikely, but we played it after some pitch moving from the ground staff at Nowton CC.

Auld put in a quickfire spell, taking four wickets for 14 runs. He was supported well by Henry Brown (8-1-36-3). The team batted sensibly and won by eight wickets, Du Toit top-scoring with 55.

The best performance of the season was against a strong Hertfordshire side at Framlingham College, where we posted 250-6 in our 40 overs. A fantastic knock from Du Toit (94 off 83 deliveries) with some great support and momentum at the end of the innings by Aakshrit John (48) and Charlie Dinmore (42 not out).

The team fielded well with good tactical fields, with Herts finishing 45 runs short. The best figures were from Lilley (8-2-21-3).

The second-best performance was against Cambridgeshire away where the team once again posted 250 off 40 overs. Lilley (62 off 47) and Zayan Imam (51 off 53) were the top scorers.

This was once again a great team effort showing that they have been applying much of their winter work to summer game play, with intent to score and attacking running between the wickets.

The team won by 130 runs with wickets shared around between Miller, Brown and Du Toit, with Imam returning the best figures of 8-1-24-4.

Some tough fixtures followed against Middlesex and Norfolk. Highlights included Kemp's 8-0-48-3 versus Middlesex and John's undefeated 51 off 55 balls against Norfolk.

Both games highlighted the continued need to focus on the ability to play slow bowling effectively as well as what risks can be taken – a focus for the upcoming winter.

The last game before the festival saw the team beat

Huntingdonshire, Lilley top-scoring with 52 not out off 35 balls and the wickets shared around between Auld, Billy Foyster, Grainger Muir and Under-12s Felix Norris and Jack Calder.

In summary, the team were fabulous on and off the pitch, having improved on some areas from the previous season and worked hard at them over the winter and in our matches.

They showed more intent to score, take better risks and ran harder between the wickets in particular.

Socially they got on well on and off the field and showed a great support for each other and being a great team-mate is so important. I hope they will strive to further continue to develop over the winter and beyond.

### **UNDER-14s**

*By Chris Farrant*

HISTORY dictates that the Under-14 season for a county cricketer can be tough and so it proved for these cohorts as they played in the ECB 45-over competition in a group including Essex, Sussex, Middlesex, Surrey and Kent.

The season started very brightly with a comfortable victory away to Norfolk, winning by 54 runs in a pre-league friendly, with Ish Rakesh's 66 and Toby Toombs' three wickets the picks.

The league campaign started with Hunts away which proved to be a very one-sided affair, with Suffolk dominating from the start to record a huge win by 225 runs, Rakesh (61), Monty Morgan (71), Kavish Patil (65) all in the runs and Archie Miller claiming three wickets.

A very wet Bury St Edmunds was the venue for the squad's first loss of the season versus Kent. The visitors batted first, scoring 218-7, the highlight of which was a hat-trick for Suffolk's Fred Foyster. The Suffolk batters had no answers to the Kent bowling attack to lose by 99 runs.

Hertfordshire away was the most disappointing game of the year. After winning the toss and electing to bat on a very worn track, Suffolk succumbed to a series of poor shots and woeful running to sit at 44-9. Ben Thomas and Foyster batted superbly to more than double the score before their 10<sup>th</sup> wicket partnership ended, leaving Suffolk 90 all out. Herts had no trouble reaching the target.





*The Suffolk Under-14s side pictured in front of Raby Castle while playing in the Barnard Castle Festival.*

Mellis CC was the venue for a return game against Norfolk, this time with league points on offer. Batting first, Norfolk were undone predominantly by the left arm swing of both Miller (3-9) and Foyster (4-16).

Suffolk's victory target of 170 was achieved with five overs to spare to win by five wickets, Luke Hogan (54) top-scoring with his maiden half century.

The long trip to Merchant Taylors to play Middlesex was a painful affair, despite Foyster's fine bowling spell reaping four wickets the home side utterly dominated proceedings to win by a big margin.

Sussex made the trip up to Bury St Edmunds and on a very good track batted first and scored 261, on the face of it a par total vastly inflated by the huge number of extras gifted. Archie Jones' leg spin reaped seven wickets and caused havoc amongst the Sussex batters.

Suffolk made steady progress in reply and at 168-4 looked on course for victory. However, as a unit they let the run rate increase and ultimately fell 42 runs short. Captain Bobby East (54) top-scored in a game that Suffolk let slip.

Back-to-back defeats to a psychically superior Essex and a classy Surrey came next.

Special mention to East, who batted superbly versus Surrey only to fall one short of what would have been a well-deserved century.

In the last game of the league season Suffolk dispatched Cambridgeshire in fine style, with the Cambs total of 191 all out depending heavily on their captain's fine innings of 124 not out.

The loss of an early wicket did not deter the Suffolk batters' flow. Rakesh (71) and East (83 not out) batted with authority and aggression to chase down the target in 24 overs to win by eight wickets.

The end-of-season tour to the Barnard Castle Festival was a roaring success. Wins in our group games versus Cleveland, Cambridgeshire and Cumbria meant we played in the final against Northumberland.

The final proved to be a game too far for the boys, however the four-wicket loss should not detract from a fabulous week of high-quality cricket.

My time with this group of young cricketers was an immense pleasure; they were fine representatives of Suffolk cricket and I look forward to following their progress over the coming years.

### **UNDER-15s**

*By Alistair Younger*

THE Under-15s had a good season of learning in 2022, with excellent wins against Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire and Cricket East throughout the summer which included some fantastic individual and team performances.

Notable contributions included Matthew Clarke's innings' at the top of the order against both Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire in back-to-back games on the same day! There was an amazing spell of bowling from Dylan Hardy, who took 6-37 off eight overs against a very good Norfolk side, a match winning partnership between Ollie Burle and Archie Jones against Cambridgeshire, and a quite brilliant 100 for Ollie Burle against Cambridgeshire on a tough wicket.

The highlight has to be our only two-day game of the season against a strong Cricket East side, where we produced some outstanding match-winning performances.

There was a five-wicket haul in the first innings from Archie Jones and six wickets in the second innings from Matthew Clarke to set up an exciting chase, where an exceptional and mature partnership of 124 between Conor Berry (97) and Ollie Burle (88 not out) in the fourth innings of the match brought us home by seven wickets with nine balls to spare.

All the boys in the squad contributed well but a special mention has to go to Ollie Burle, who throughout the season continued to contribute with both bat and ball (and even with the gloves on one occasion) to match-winning performances.

Overall it was an excellent season and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve against major county opposition in 2023.





*Suffolk Boys' Under-15s team.*

### UNDER-16s

*By Jack Beaumont*

THE UNDER-16s had a mixed season against some strong opposition. Last season saw us play five first-class county teams. Overall, the team played nine games, winning two and losing seven matches.

The first game of the season was against Bedfordshire, where the boys put in a strong performance to win by 13 runs.

Ned Overbury scored 114 runs off 120 balls, helping the boys set a total of 198. In reply, the bowlers kept the pressure on, coupled with some good fielding, which led to a much-deserved victory.

Although the wickets were shared about the pick of the bowlers was Will Blackwell with 4-37 off his eight overs.

The next three games saw us play some strong opposition in Kent, Middlesex and Hertfordshire. The boys struggled to settle in these fixtures which was not helped by not getting the best of the conditions.

They all showed good fight in all these games, however a lack of runs and the ability to bat time was apparent in all these matches.

The U16s continued with a tough run of fixtures, facing Norfolk, Sussex and Surrey.

Although losing all these fixtures (two by just two wickets!) there were some promising signs from the squad and much improvement from the earlier season performances.

It would have been easy for heads to drop, however the boys stuck together well and continued to work hard against the strong opposition.

The Norfolk game was frustrating for the squad as, after setting 178 on a tricky pitch, the boys then had the opposition 120-8 before Norfolk's Nos.9 and 10 got the hosts over the line with some excellent batting. Matt Clarke was the pick of the bowlers with 4-27 off his ten overs.

Although being convincingly beaten by Surrey, the game against Sussex ebbed and flowed, with both sides feeling as though they should have won the game.



*Ollie Burle, who produced some excellent performances with both bat and ball.*

Unfortunately for the U16s they fell just short, needing two more wickets to win when the hosts went past their score. Highlights from this fixture included a great all-round performance from Ollie Burle with 79 runs and 4-17 from seven overs.

The season finished with matches against both Cambridgeshire and Essex. The Cambridgeshire game saw the team get back to winning ways, chasing the home team's score nine wickets down with three balls left.

All the Suffolk bowlers kept constant pressure up on the Cambridgeshire batters, not allowing any of them to get away. Then on a tricky pitch the batters rotated the strike



nicely after a tricky start which saw us 15-2 early in our innings. Freddie Dyer (66) and Ollie Burle (73) were the pick of the batters before the lower order held their nerve to win a close game.

It was great to see the boys control the game and then after what had been a tough season hold their nerve to win a match that could easily have gone the other way.

The boys played well in their final fixture against Essex, although falling short of the opposition's score. Freddie Dyer was the pick of the bowlers, claiming three wickets and another county hundred in the chase for Ned Overbury was the pick of the batters.

Unfortunately, Ned's hundred was a lone hand as no other

Suffolk batsman except Ollie Burle (42) could stay with him for a decent amount of time.

Finally, a massive thank you must go to all the players and helpers over the season for their efforts including the unsung heroes of the parents for getting the boys to all the fixtures throughout the season. Congratulations to Ned Overbury for scoring two county hundreds and to Ollie Burle for scoring 250 runs at an average of 35.71.

Shaanjeai Tharaneetharan topped the wickets chart with seven wickets. It was my absolute pleasure to coach these boys and if they can continue to take what they learnt from last year into the years to come they will have every success within the game.

### UNDER-18s

*By Ben Wallis*

DURING the 2022 season the Under-18 Boys' squad had great success across all three formats (T20, one-day and two-day) with seven wins and three losses.

The season started with the T20 competition, where three wins and only one loss put us joint top of the group. However, we unfortunately lost out on qualification from

the group stage through run rate. This was very disappointing but some great team performances held us in good stead for the rest of the county season.

The boys endured a tough test in round one of the One-Day County Cup against Kent, which ended in defeat and left us in the Plate competition. This was something which the boys relished, making it through to the quarter-final and only narrowly losing to Berkshire.



*Tom Harper, who skippered the side and ended joint-top wicket-taker and second highest run-scorer.*

It was in the two-day format the squad had their most success, winning both of their fixtures against Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire respectively.

It was a real team effort during both games with all of the boys showing a great desire to perform to the situation and the team's needs. This is something they should all be proud of.

Isaac Toombs finished as leading run-scorer with 554 runs and captain Tom Harper made 299, in addition to ending joint-top wicket-taker with Josh Bowyer with 17 apiece.

I would also like to thank all of the players from younger age groups who not only stepped up but performed at a high level when representing the U18s last year. This shows what strength we have across the SYC programme.

It was a pleasure working with this group last year. It was great to see them perform time and time again over the season and also especially pleasing to see how well they came together as a team.

I would like to wish all of the boys who have reached the end of their SYC journey the very best of luck in their cricketing futures.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents for their support over the summer.

## SUFFOLK YOUTH CRICKET - GIRLS

### UNDER-11 GIRLS

*By Lara Neild*

THE Under-11 Girls had a great season, with each player involved contributing and enjoying the cricket played. We played several fixtures last season against neighbouring counties, including good games against Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

With other counties trialling for this age group, unlike ourselves, the girls always gave 100 per cent in every game, learning from each and every experience on and off the field no matter the result.

There were some strong performances throughout the season which were attributed to some good run-scoring and some excellent spells of bowling.

Holly Bosley's 26 against Norfolk was a stand-out performance, with some great hitting against a very strong bowling attack, including putting away bouncers over the top of fine leg!

With the ball Erin Trimby's leg spin proved difficult to get away for the opposition, whilst Izzy Gebhard's left-arm seam challenged opposition technique numerous times, with both bowlers picking up a handful of wickets apiece across the season.

This stands all three of these players in good stead as they move up to the U13 squad for the 2023 season.

We are looking forward to continuing to develop our players and push onwards into the 2023 season with continuing success. We are looking to continue to be competitive in the region and to develop our talented players as they move on upwards through the county age group pathway and beyond.

### UNDER-13 GIRLS

*By Lara Neild*

THE Under-13 Suns and Risers both had successful seasons, with a total of over 30 girls playing cricket as part of the age group and registering good performances throughout.

The U13 Suns had numerous good performances against the likes of Norfolk and Huntingdonshire, both of whom have strong bowling units.

The girls showed their capabilities in these fixtures, with Mia Spaul and Grace Gurr hitting 40s to win against Norfolk and Henrietta Croot just shy of this with 39 in the return fixture's narrow defeat.

The batting was a strong point for the team, with Amaya Gharabeigi, Adithi Tahyur and Ismene Johnson all hitting 40 plus scores in matches to post competitive totals.

With the ball the team was equally strong, with Evie Tassell and India Gray taking wickets regularly to stunt opposition scoring. Altogether the girls had an enjoyable season and came away with a handful of victories and strong individual performances to reward them for their hard work throughout the winter training sessions.

The U13 Risers had an equally strong season, with very spirited games played across the county, most notably against Essex. Our bowling was by far the strongest component of our game.

The leg spin of Ivy Davison was challenging to the best

players across the region, including when she played in the Suns squad, whilst the seam attack of Gracie Brunt and Lilia Cook (both U11s playing up) showed the real potential we have in the county at such a young age.

Consistent batting performances from Scarlett Fletcher and Lily Lawson ensured that we made a good game of every match we participated in which was great to see.

Captaincy from Kira Trimby and her all-round batting and bowling was extremely pleasing to see and was pivotal at times to the success of the team.

With a number of this team moving into the U13 Suns and U15 squads for the 2023 season, I look forward to seeing where their cricket takes them in the future.

Arguably the best part of the season was our tour to Malvern College in Worcestershire. The girls had a thoroughly enjoyable time on tour, growing and developing friendships and networks with each other which will stand them in good stead in future seasons as a squad.

My highlight of tour, however, was the cricket as we played against some big counties, most notably Kent and Durham, yet did not let ourselves be distracted from our game.

Ismene Johnson's 50, strong and sensible batting from Scarlett Fletcher and excellent bowling from Evie Tassell meant that we only narrowly lost to Durham and Kent in the final overs and had a fantastic win against Cambridgeshire.

Altogether the girls really enjoyed the experience and look forward to hopefully going again this year.

### UNDER-15 GIRLS

*By Nathan Scarff*

SUFFOLK Under-15 Girls had a fantastic 2022 season which culminated in strong victories in both our 20-over and 40-over competitions.

All 16 of the squad were able to play throughout the season which also saw us enjoy a fantastic week away at Malvern College for the annual Under-15s tour.

Special mentions go to Evie Booker, our captain, who scored 102 off 66 balls followed by figures of 4-1 off 2.2 overs against Hertfordshire; and also to Lily Tilbrook, who scored 104 from 105 balls, again against Hertfordshire in the reverse fixture.

The girls were an absolute pleasure to coach during 2022 and I wish them all the best of luck in the 2023 season and beyond.

### UNDER-18 GIRLS

*By Rob Southall*

OUR 20-over campaign yielded mixed results throughout the whole season.

The first two fixtures were against Kent and Essex. Having inserted our opponents, we bowled Kent out for just 101 but unfortunately were not able to chase, falling 13 runs short.

What was to follow against Essex was a low point in the season for the girls; bowling first, Essex amassed 142-6 and Suffolk fell 92 runs short after being dismissed for just 50.

Suffolk were able to bounce back in their next two games,





*Suffolk Girls' Under-15s*

bowling out Buckinghamshire for 101, with Sophie Hughes (3-13) and Lottie James (3-16) the pick of the bowlers. This time Suffolk comfortably chased their 101 target, winning by nine wickets and Imogen Sidhu scoring 62 not out.

Suffolk were able to defeat Hertfordshire next, restricting them to just 98-7 and chasing the total down for the loss of just four wickets. Sophie Hughes (3-13) was again the pick of the bowlers.

A tight game followed against Berkshire, who were bowled out for 120, with Imogen Sidhu taking three wickets. The run chase was always close being around the required rate until Suffolk fell away towards the end to lose by 14 runs.

A more convincing win over Surrey followed. Batting first, we posted 141-3, Sophie Hughes top-scoring with 43. In reply, Surrey were limited to just 82-7, Poppy Sidhu the pick of the bowlers with 4-16.

Suffolk then welcomed Sussex and having chosen to bowl first, Sussex scored 165-3. A good effort in response to a big target followed, with Suffolk reaching 140-7. Olivia Hyndman (43) and Sophie Singer (42) were the pick of the batting.

In the final T20 of the season, top-order runs from Amelie Clarke (47 not out) and Sophie Singer (30) led Suffolk to 123-5, and with a tight bowling performance we restricted competition winners Middlesex to just 110-7.

Our first three group games of the 40-over competition were against Bedfordshire, twice, and Cambridgeshire. The first ended in an eight-wicket victory, after bowling out Bedfordshire for 125. Sophie Hughes was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with 3-17. In reply, Hughes finished top-scorer with 42.

In the next fixture, Cambridgeshire batted first, posting a total of 195-6 off their 40 overs. Suffolk were able to chase down the total for the loss of six wickets, with Isobel Sidhu top-scoring with 87 not out being supported by Evie Booker's 46.

The return fixture versus Bedfordshire saw our best bowling performance of the season, bowling Bedfordshire out for just 72. Lucy Amos was the pick of the bowlers, taking three wickets for just ten runs in a five-wicket win.

The second half of the group games started with a trip to Cambridgeshire and in Suffolk's most convincing win of the season, the hosts were bowled out for 79, with Sophie Hughes (4-27) and Isobel Sidhu (3-16) leading the attack.

Suffolk then chased the target down for the loss of just one wicket, with Isobel Sidhu (39 not out) top-scoring.

The girls then travelled to Norfolk, with a brilliant 227-run partnership between Imogen Sidhu (116) and Isobel Sidhu (93) guiding Suffolk to a massive 253-3 and a comfortable 96-run victory.

In the final group game, batting first in a reduced match Suffolk scored 195-4 from their 25 overs. Imogen Sidhu top-scored with an unbeaten 90 ably supported by Sophie Singer with 51.

Norfolk were eventually bowled out for 113, with Lottie James (4-21), Jasmine Thomas (3-9) and Evie Booker (3-13) the pick of the bowlers.

Nottinghamshire then awaited in the quarter finals. Bowling first, Suffolk were able to pick up key wickets at vital moments and dismissed Nottinghamshire for 178, with Evelyn Whitmore (5-39) the stand-out bowler.

A tense run chase followed, led by Imogen Sidhu's 58 not out, as Suffolk came home with a three-wicket win.

In the semi-final, Devon posted 259-5, with Evie Booker (3-44) leading the attack. In reply, Suffolk were drowned by the run rate losing wickets at key moments. Sophie Singer (46) produced the stand-out innings in their reply as Suffolk were bowled out for 142.

The final game of the season was a rain-affected fixture against Durham. Suffolk posted 92-6 off their 16 overs which Durham were able to chase easily to win by nine wickets in what was a disappointing end to a superb season.





*The Suffolk Girls' Under-18s team, who had a superb season.*

## SUFFOLK YOUNG CRICKETERS

### U-12s Boys

Arthur Davison  
Abie du Toit  
Felix Ferguson  
Henry Forrest  
Ned Norman-Butler  
Charlie Pynn  
Orlando Wells  
Ron Batch  
Hugo Hill  
Oliver Loveday  
Noah Manders-Hefer  
Finnan Miller  
Sankalp Patil  
Henry Raber  
Pranav Sethuraman  
Jai Singer

### U-13s Boys

Benjamin Cross  
Zayan Imam  
Ben Sargeant  
Isaac Walshe  
Anders Bester  
Benjamin Brooks  
Jack Calder  
Freddie Daniels  
Theodor Gandy  
Milo Jackson  
Hugo Jamie

Liam K. Charema

Barney Messer

Felix Norris

Sam Pruden

Alex Shercliff

### U-13s Girls

Charlotte Anderson  
Alexandra Bartlett  
Holly Bosley  
Callie Bradbury  
Gracie Brunt  
Freya Chapman  
Lilia Cook  
Penelope Cook  
Darcy Durrant  
Frankie Fletcher  
Izzy Gebhard  
Grace John  
Lily Lawson  
Annabelle Pallister  
Isla Staines  
Isla Tolchard  
Catharine  
Urquhart-Pearce  
Maria Bradshaw  
Jemima Brooks  
Freya Clark  
Ivy Davison

Summer

Dring-Richardson

Isla Emsden

Georgia Gledhill

Rebecca Kelly

Beatrice Nickell

Imogen

Papworth-Heidel

Violet Reed

Emma Ritchie

Connie Tassell

Erin Trimby

Kira Trimby

Lexi Wade

### U-14s Boys

Jack Auld  
Henry Brown  
Edward Burle  
Malan du Toit  
Wilfred Frost  
Aakshrit John  
Stanley Kemp  
Ollie Miller  
George Prentice  
James Taylor  
Riley Borges  
William Brown  
Charlie Dinmore  
Billy Foyster

Kieran Lilley

Oliver Vendy

### U-15s Boys

Luke Hogan  
Barnaby Keen  
Archie Lawson  
William Menzies  
Monty Morgan  
Kavish Patil  
Ishaan Rakesh  
Benjamin Thomas  
Bobby East  
Freddie Foyster  
Zachary Gandy  
Archie Miller  
Toby Toombs

### U-15s Girls

Erin Berry  
Daisy Ditcham  
Grace Gurr  
Ismene Johnson  
Saanvi Kumar  
Mia North  
Aditi Thayur  
Henrietta Croot  
Amaya Gharabeigi  
Megan Haynes  
Ella Morgan  
Ji-Sun Munro

Alice Nickell

Libby Stacey

Molly Talbot

Evie Tassell

### U-16s Boys

Conor Berry  
Ollie Burle  
Lucas Finster  
Archie Jones  
Archie Magnus  
Percy Moore  
George Perkins  
Frank Rogers  
Aditya Singh  
James Wilkinson  
Matthew Clark  
Dylan Hardy  
Calum Stott

### U-18s Boys

Will Blackwell  
Freddie Cloud  
Rory Hollis  
Ryan Hunwicke  
Ned Overbury  
Ben Palmer  
Merlin Stamper  
Charlie Bennett  
Jacob Drew  
Cameron Ford

Yann Johnson

Barnaby Morton

Arthur Summers

Kajeai

Tharaneetharan

Shaanjeai

Tharaneetharan

Isaac Toombs

### U-18s Girls

Amber Bradnam  
Amelie Bull  
Charlotte Gaunt  
Laila Hollis  
Olivia Hyndman  
Lily Tillbrook  
Petra Tweedy  
Jasmine Westcott  
Lexie  
Barrington-Hibbert  
Evie Booker  
Amelie Clarke  
Obie Hansell  
Sophie Hughes  
Lottie James  
Charlotte Oastler  
Sophie Singer  
Evelyn Whitmore



## SUFFOLK SENIORS

### Over-70s make it two cup final appearances in two seasons

*Suffolk Seniors' report by ALAN ROGERS*



*The Suffolk Over-70s team that defeated Hertfordshire in the national semi-final. Back row (left to right): Peter Christie, Chris Watson, Rob Jenkin, Stuart Carpenter, Ray Black, David Hinchcliffe, David Adams, Kathy Parker (scorer), Clive Witherly. Front row: Peter Boughton, Peter Webb, Neil Hames (captain), Ken Jones, Derrick Messent, Gerry Baglow.*

FOR the second season, Suffolk Over-70s contested a final, except that this was not the Vase competition but the main cup final. Their opponents in the final were Kent, the only county to have lowered their colours in the group stages. Captain Neil Hames won the toss and asked Kent to bat. Dave Hinchcliffe (1-19) and Ken Jones (2-36) strived to keep the Kent total to a minimum as England international Chris Swadkin (67) held the Kent innings together.

At tea, Kent had recorded 188-6. With Suffolk's batting prowess, this target was well within their grasp. For once, the top order failed to fire and a recovery from 94-7 was a bridge too far.

Peter Webb (34 not out) and Peter Christie (20 not out) restored a deal of pride with an unbroken stand of 56 as Suffolk finished on 150-7. Congratulations to the most senior of our Seniors for two successive cup final appearances.

In the group matches, Suffolk completed a double over Bedfordshire. At Southill Park, Colin Stubbs posted 85 not out, out of a total of 207-6 for the home side. Captain Hames led from the front with a superb 117 not out aided by Ray Black's 47 in a partnership worth 118.

A further unbroken partnership of 75 with Rob Jenkin (27 not out) secured a comfortable eight-wicket win. At Woolpit, Bedfordshire batted first and again, it was Colin Stubbs (75) that dominated the visitors' innings. Webb (3-49) and Hinchcliffe (2-22) restricted them to 197-8.

The 20-point win bonus was gained in the 38<sup>th</sup> over as Hames (68), this time in partnership with David Adams (53), set Suffolk on their way to 202-4.

The match at home to Lincs & Ridings was a day for the batters. Suffolk could only claim two wickets as the visitors powered to 205-2 led by a dominant innings of 89 not out from skipper Miles Rawlings. Suffolk lost six wickets in the run chase, but with another 50 from Hames plus 30s from Jenkin, Peter Boughton and Jones, they rarely looked in trouble, the winning runs in a four-wicket success coming in the final over.

The long trip up to Grantham for the away leg was rewarded with another victory. Jones (4-21) and Christie (3-37) knocked over the middle order and it was down to No.4 John Taylor (47) to bolster the innings to 183-9.

In reply, Black's 40 steadied the ship after the loss of four wickets for 83 runs. With a potential defeat looming, Jones triumphed with the bat as well as the ball, scoring 54 not out from 42 balls to steer Suffolk to a four-wicket win.

For the home leg against Norfolk, Suffolk had to bat first after losing the toss. Black (49) and Jenkin (45) put on 68 for the third wicket, but the loss of three further wickets left Suffolk struggling. A Webb and Hinchcliffe stand of 43 pushed the total up to 184-6.

Norfolk were hindered by losing two early wickets with only 10 runs on the board before Hames (3-36) and Webb (3-33) took out the middle order thus preventing Norfolk





*Gerry Baglow taking a fine catch to dismiss the Kent opener in the final off the bowling of Suffolk Over-70s captain Neil Hames*

from gaining the upper hand. By the conclusion of the 45<sup>th</sup> over, Norfolk had lost nine wickets in reaching 163.

In Norfolk, Ritchie Davies (82) scored near on half of the Norfolk total of 167-9. Hinchcliffe completed another miserly opening spell of 2-17, and the supporting cast of Christie (2-30) and Jones (2-38) helped to deprive Davies the support he needed to build a match-winning total. Captain Hames with another 50 plus 30 from Jenkin and 28 from Black eased Suffolk to a six-wicket win.

The presence of former Suffolk opener John Stuck in the Essex line-up for both home and away matches, could not prevent Suffolk from adding another 40 points to their tally.

At Little Baddow, Stuck (115) and fellow opener, Don Curtis (59) put the heat on Suffolk with a stand of 148. Jones pegged Essex back by dismissing three middle-order batters but still 242-5 would not be easy to chase. Opener Adams with 68 and 41 from No.4 Jones were good contributions, but Suffolk were behind the required run rate. Regular opening bowler Hinchcliffe starred with the bat as his hard-hitting 64 off 42 balls powered Suffolk to a three-wicket win.

Despite the absence of captain Hames at Sudbury, Suffolk completed the double over Essex. Adams (60) and Boughton (75 not out) were the mainstays in the home side's innings of 240-5.

The Essex reply collapsed in front of Suffolk's best bowling performance of the year. With every bowler collecting a wicket, Jones being the pick with 3-20, Essex were never in the hunt. The visitors were all out for 131 in the 34<sup>th</sup> over.

Cambs & Hunts defeated Suffolk by eight wickets in a match of 12 players per team. In reply to Suffolk's 217-6, Cambs & Hunts comfortably won having scored 220-3. However, what started as a league match was eventually expunged from the records as Cambs & Hunts withdrew from the competition.

While the match result and points would not show in the group table, the National Committee agreed to let the

individual players' stats remain on the averages. Dick Bond (68) and Jones (52) would be happier than the bowlers who had recorded not so good figures. The scheduled home leg was played on the due date but as a friendly.

Suffolk were well and truly beaten in Kent. There was little to commend the batting as the visitors were skittled for 118 in under 34 overs. Hames top-scored with 33. Kent wrapped up the win in the 24<sup>th</sup> over for the loss of just one wicket.

The return match was the complete opposite as Suffolk beat Kent in a high-scoring fixture at Copdock. The visitors' 261-3 did not prove to be a formidable total as Suffolk chased this down for the loss of six wickets.

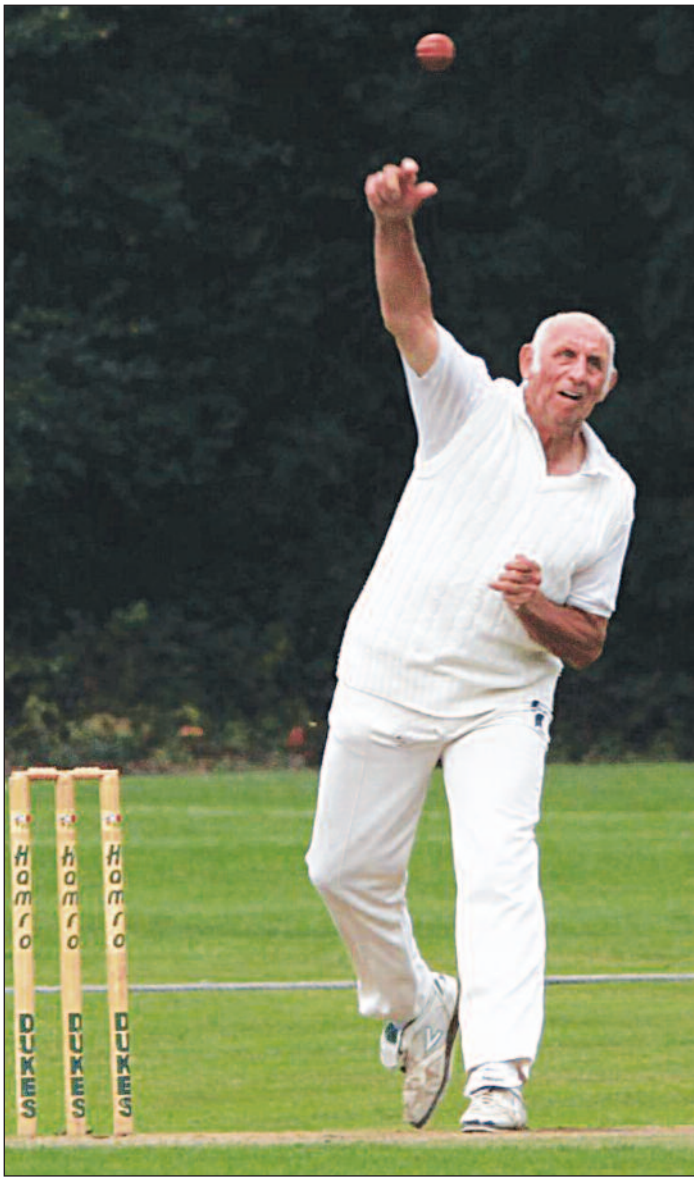
At 55-3 it did not look too good for Suffolk, but the saviours were Black (105) and Boughton (70), their stand taking the score up to 206-4, before Suffolk completed a splendid win with just two balls to spare.

A reward for a fine group season, finishing in third place, was a home tie in the quarter-finals against Bucks & Berks at Copdock. The visitors took full advantage of batting first to rack up 276-2, with the top four batters all recording 50 plus. Ian Stuart (79) not only top scored but also had an impressive strike rate of 131.67. The prospects were looking bleak at 46-4 for Suffolk before Boughton (107 not out) took control with a stand of 127 with Jones (62) and a partnership of 107 with Hinchcliffe (49 not out). The visitors could do little to prevent Suffolk from reaching the semi-finals as they responded with 280-5.

The semi-final at Langleybury in Hertfordshire had to use the Duckworth/Lewis calculations to establish the result of this match. Adams became Suffolk's fourth player to record a century in this competition. His 119 not out, ably assisted by 56 from Jenkin in a 121 partnership, was the platform on which Suffolk compiled their 240-4.

With the intervention of rain, the D/L computations ruled that the target for Herts to beat was 189 off 30 overs. Opener Alan Hunter (46) did his best, but the Suffolk





*The ever-consistent Peter Christie bowling another dot ball for Suffolk Over-70s in the final versus Kent*

bowlers were firmly in control and Herts were never in a position to challenge the revised target.

Hinchcliffe continued his fine form, removing three out of the top four at a cost of 26 runs. All the Suffolk bowlers helped to contain Herts to the extent that they could only reach 121-7. And so, on to meet Kent in the final!

#### **Over-60s 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI suffered a blow before a ball had been bowled when captain Colin Walters announced that he was suffering an elbow injury and would be out for the season. Simon Halliday, Nick Meakin or Kevin Dobson stood in as necessary.

A tough start to the group campaign with a home match against Hertfordshire. Suffolk batted first on a quality Copdock batting track. Tony Locke (40) grafted but could only watch as three quick wickets fell at the other end.

Meakin, with a typically aggressive 47, started to improve the run rate until he and Locke were dismissed at 114 and 115 respectively. In trouble with five wickets down, some hope was restored as Steve Smith (34 not out) and John Gallant (33 not out) saw out the remainder of the overs. Would 186-5 be enough? Sadly not, even though Kevin

Ross claimed an early wicket. Duncan Elder (78 not out) and Simon Clements (56 not out) combined to ease the visitors to a nine-wicket win in 32.1 overs.

Not too much joy in the return match as Suffolk were bowled out for 169 in the 43<sup>rd</sup> over. The scoreboard would have looked a lot worse without a patient 52 from Gerry Artindale. Colin Thompson did the most damage, returning figures of 5-30.

A short run up to Thetford to face Norfolk and a chance of a first victory. Winning the toss helps as well as taking a wicket in the second over. Norfolk had recovered to 129-3 before the wickets started to tumble. Paul Brown's splendid spell yielded 5-25 as the last seven wickets could only add 54 runs.

There were thoughts of an easy 20-point win as Suffolk were sitting pretty at 141-3 which owed much to the openers, Halliday (65) and Artindale (41). An Andy Gregory (4-51) inspired spell then tested Suffolk's nerves as the last pair found themselves at the crease and still five runs required. Paul Brown calmed the nerves with the necessary runs coming the 44<sup>th</sup> over.

Having won in Norfolk, the return leg at Exning then went the way of the visitors. With two quick wickets for Brown, it did not look good for Norfolk. Robin Yates (122 not) took control of the match and shared stands of 104 with Michael Cusack (44) and an unbeaten 122 with Andy Gregory (47 not out). Norfolk closed on 241-3 in a 40-over match thanks to a delayed start.

Gregory in tandem with Duncan Rix then destroyed Suffolk's top order and at 31-5 the match was all but over. Locke (38 retired), Smith (70 not out), and Keith Starr (34 not out) made the score look rather more respectable but at 183-6 Suffolk finished 58 runs shy.

Cambs/Hunts were the next opponents to visit Suffolk. Nigel Gadsby is a formidable opponent and although he soon lost two partners, he began to build another big innings. Having amassed 91, he was eventually fourth out with the score on 171 having been caught by Smith off the bowling of Starr.

Brian Howard (44) and Ali Anthony (38 not out) saw the visitors finish on 246-5. Halliday (57) played his usual anchor role and was eventually fourth man out with the score on 165, but even that failed to stem the flow of runs. Despite losing two more wickets, Suffolk were more than happy to win this entertaining match by four wickets.

There was very little entertainment at March as the umpires halted the match in the sixth over, the pitch being deemed unsafe to continue with play. Both counties would have liked to reschedule the match but with no spare weeks available before the play-offs commenced, the National 60s Committee awarded Suffolk a winning draw with 20 points.

Essex are among the top three, if not the best county at Over 60s, so two tough matches were expected. Suffolk played their home match at Bury St Edmunds. Essex were asked to bat first and it took just three balls for Kevin Ross to dismiss former captain Kevin Grant for a duck.

It took a further 26 overs before the next wicket fell by which time Essex had scored 123 runs. After flaying the Suffolk bowlers for 91 runs, Andrew Gallant was run out just 12 runs later. After a short quiet spell, Neil Brathwaite

(55 not out) and Marcus Young (27) piled on more misery as the scoreboard rocketed up to 280-6 after 45 overs. Locke (58) and Artindale (23) put on 51 for the first wicket before the visitors' bowlers took command. Clive Heaps, Dobson and Smith all added 20s but this was too little, too slowly. Although Suffolk only lost five wickets, the margin of defeat was still in three figures, Suffolk's total being 174. Worse was to follow in Essex as they scored more runs and Suffolk were bowled out having scored fewer runs than at Bury St Edmunds. Simon Sargent (86) and Andrew Gallant (101 retired) were the main protagonists out of a score of 282-4. A lacklustre batting performance, albeit against a very good bowling attack, saw Suffolk dismissed for 142 in the 41<sup>st</sup> over. Nick Oakley, batting at No.9, top scored with 31.

As with the Norfolk matches, so, the spoils for the matches against Bedfordshire also went to the visitors. Away first and it was a good day for Ken Jones with the ball. His 3-39 removed Beds top three batters and two more quick wickets followed to leave Beds struggling on 99-5. A late burst from Ian Bostock (32 not out) helped the total along to 193-8 at tea.

The loss of Ross at 77-3 enabled Dobson to enter the fray. Halliday (83 not out) revelled in his anchor role as Dobson smashed a 43-ball half century before ending on 66 not out as Suffolk recorded an eight-wicket victory.

At Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk were most disappointed that they could not defend a score of 243-7. Halliday (90) and a season's best 75 for Ross, in a partnership worth 141, had guided Suffolk to 193-2. The hunt for quick runs in the last few overs did not go well as the last five wickets could only add another 45 runs to the total of 243-7.

Beds got off to the best possible start with a partnership of 129 for the first wicket, Jeremy Page and Paul Mustoe both hitting 56. Losing just one more wicket, Beds ran out as comfortable winners in the 44<sup>th</sup> over.

The last home match in the group stage was against Buckinghamshire. Bucks won the toss and asked Suffolk to bat. Although Suffolk recorded 227-5 from their 45 overs, this was not a great batting performance. Halliday, Ross and Meakin all scored 40s without any of the batsmen really dominating the bowling. It also helped that extras contributed 24 runs to the total.

In contrast, openers Steve White (50) and Murray Scott (71) looked to have created a winning platform. With these two being dismissed at 102 and 158 respectively, the Suffolk bowlers then took charge. The final addition of 42 runs came at a cost of seven wickets. Brown, who had dismissed Scott earlier, collected a further three wickets to finish with 4-31. Suffolk did not travel for the away fixture due to heavy rain.

Rather than receiving a decent seeding in the Vase, a third place in the group earned Suffolk a lowly seeding in the main Cup competition and a long journey up to Lancashire to play at the picturesque Crompton ground.

Lancashire won the toss and chose to bat on a hot summer day. The Suffolk bowlers toiled against a strong batting line-up, Glenn Bullock (100 off 74 balls) and Chris Dearden (90 not out off 65 balls). Steve Bulger took two wickets and there was one apiece for Starr and Jones.

Suffolk scored 217-7 from their 45 overs and a swift exit

from the Cup. A heavy defeat, yes, but in mitigation there were several members of the squad that were not available to travel. Also, no team in Lancashire's group had scored more runs against them and Gerry Artindale's 86 was the highest individual score against them during the season. To demonstrate Lancashire's strength, David Makinson, who had played county cricket for Lancashire in the 80s did not bat and only came on to bowl as third change!

### Over-60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

A successful season for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and by virtue of finishing third in the group, they gained an entry into the end-of-season Vase competition. It was galling that Norfolk, who finished above Suffolk in the group by a fraction of a point, then conceded their first round cup match against Lancashire.

The group matches started with a visit to Hertfordshire. Suffolk batted first, and the top five batters all started with a modicum of form. Of those five, Rob Collett top-scored with 41, before being the sixth wicket to fall. Apart from one run out, Tariq Hassan (5-37) had cleaned up the top order. Failing to capitalise on a decent start, the innings closed on 171-9.

John Morgan's 2-54 initially stalled the Herts reply but from 71-3, Jerry Dovey (55) and Jonathan Lyons (63) compiled an unbeaten partnership to overhaul the Suffolk score.

At home for the return leg, the fortunes were reversed. Three Herts batters made 40s, but like Suffolk in the first match, no-one could kick on and produce a match-winning innings. Andrew Norburn (2-51) and Derrick Messent (2-56) were the chief wicket takers as Herts recorded 244-6.

While Suffolk lost wickets at regular intervals, Steve Bumphrey stood firm. At 117-6 he was joined at the crease by captain Steve Bulger. The partnership blossomed, Bumphrey went on to reach his century and Bulger a half century. Their 128-run partnership enable Suffolk to notch up a four-wicket win.

Both matches against near-neighbours Norfolk ended up as disappointing defeats. At home Suffolk were bowled out for 155 in 41 overs when chasing Norfolk's 216-3. Rob Collett top-scored with 45. Earlier, Norfolk's total was based on a 172-run partnership for the second wicket between Geoff Roper (136) and Ben Collinson (54).

It was a much closer affair in Mundford as once again Norfolk batted first and once again Suffolk had to watch as a Norfolk batter scored a century. Their total of 257-2 was based on opener Peter Davison's 89 and No.3 Robin Konieczny's 103 not out.

At 94-4, the Suffolk reply seemed to be stalling, but step forward Andy Harrison (75 not out). Partnerships with Bulger and Malcolm Grubb could not bring about a victory but at least at 232-6 was a valiant effort.

Having lost both Norfolk matches, some balance was restored with two victories over Cambs/Hunts. Openers Barry Cavilla (52) and Stuart Unwin (48) both fell to catches by Harrison off the bowling of Norburn. Two run outs restricted the run rate as the home side went into tea at 207-5.

Suffolk's first successful run chase of the season was achieved for the loss of six wickets. Collett (35), Bumphrey





*The Suffolk Over-60s 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Back row (left to right): Clive Heaps, Eddie Green, Pat Patel, Rob Collett, Rob Jenkin, Andy Norburn, Andy Foreman. Front row: Steve Bumphrey, Derrick Messent, Andy Harrison, Steve Bulger (captain), Malcolm Grubb.*

(45) and Andy Foreman (35 not out) made useful contributions after losing Pat Patel with just seven runs on the board. Suffolk never got to play Lincolnshire as Lincs conceded the points for both home and away fixtures.

Felixstowe hosted the visit of Bedfordshire where Suffolk chased down the visitors' 188-5. The main contribution to the Beds total was a century from Andrew Summerfield. Bumphrey, more suited to batting, claimed 2-24 and then led the reply from No.3.

From 71-2 Bumphrey took control and fully deserved a century but had to settle for 97 not out as victory was achieved in the 40<sup>th</sup> over. Collett proved to be a useful partner as he added another 35 runs to his season's tally.

The return leg took place at Potton Town and provided Suffolk with a crucial 20-point win bonus. Suffolk, batting first, racked up a challenging score of 264-4. Patel carried his bat for the full 45 overs to finish his splendid innings on 121 not out. Newly-qualified 60, Eddie Green, joined in the fun and his 84 added most to the stand of 137 with Patel.

In this the last group match, Suffolk managed to bowl out the opposition. Despite 50s from Calvin Gooding and Neil Clark, Suffolk were always in the ascendency. Two early wickets for Bulger were followed by 3-43 for Norburn and 2-31 for Grubb as the Beds middle order collapsed. The innings ended on a run out in the 43<sup>rd</sup> over with Beds some 53 runs adrift.

A long journey to Slough ended with a narrow defeat against Buckinghamshire. Captain Bulger won the toss

and asked Bucks to bat first. Bulger's decision was quickly rewarded as he dismissed both openers very cheaply. Nick Zala (71) and Kevin Woodhouse (65) were instrumental in the recovery as Bucks closed their innings on 210-7. In addition to the early wickets, Bulger claimed another couple at the end of the innings to finish with 4-46. Woodhouse made his day even better as his nine-over spell yielded 3-24.

Suffolk lost wickets all too regularly and just need a couple of batters to build a big partnership. Collett added a further 45 to his seasonal tally, but this could not prevent the Suffolk reply concluding at 200 with the last pair at the wicket. The return match in Suffolk was cancelled due to rain.

Middlesex had qualified from the South East group and travelled to Suffolk to contest the quarter-final of the Vase competition. There were runs aplenty as Suffolk won the toss and elected to bat. Patel (43), Green (64), Bumphrey (68) and Harrison (56 not out) all enjoyed themselves as the visitors were made to toil. Come the end of their 40 overs, Suffolk were more than pleased with their 275-4.

Middlesex were not daunted by the challenge with opener Jono Vernon-Powell (56) getting the ball rolling. Middlesex captain and wicketkeeper Keith Alexander added 40 but from 92-1 wickets began to tumble at regular intervals. Although quite expensive, Norburn (2-58) and Messent (3-60) were turning the match in Suffolk's favour. As the innings came to a close, the Middlesex response totalled 249-8.

The reward for the quarter-final victory was an away trip to face Sussex at Buxted Park. Sussex won the toss and batted first. What would eventually prove crucial was the number of runs that Sussex amassed in the early overs. Although Suffolk had Sussex 99-4, the home captain, John Holland played with freedom and stayed at the crease until the end of the 45<sup>th</sup> over.

His 87 not out guided Sussex to 248-6. The Suffolk reply did not start too well and at 75-3 they were behind the required run rate. Harrison (95) got the reply on track as partnerships with Foreman (34) and Clive Heaps (20) gave hope of a Suffolk win. Alas, the loss of five wickets for 35, including the wicket of Harrison, put paid to a Suffolk win. A brave effort had finished just 11 runs short with one wicket intact.

### **Over-60s 3<sup>rd</sup> XI**

Season No.2 in the National competition and sadly a second season without recording a win. Unfortunately, the squad was depleted at the very start of the season, with some long-term injuries and as the season progressed a number of players were elevated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI squad.

Against Surrey at home, the visitors scored quite freely with Dave Sowe (83) leading the charge on their way to 230-7. Bruce Tompkins (1-25) and Dave Hinchcliffe (1-21) both returned economical figures at the start of the innings before the Surrey batters took control. John Nicoll collected four wickets, but they came at a cost of 60 runs in nine overs.

In reply, Suffolk struggled to 52-6. Stuart Bonvini (31) and Steve King (37) compiled a 51-run partnership which at least took the Suffolk total into three figures. They were eventually bowled out for 130 by which time they had used up 44.5 overs.

In Surrey, it was another heavy defeat as Suffolk batted first. Opening bowler Greg Struthers bagged 5-22 as the visitors were skittled out for 91, just Martin Pope (29) providing some resistance. Surrey made light work of the task by completing a nine-wicket win in the 13<sup>th</sup> over. Alan Barnes on at first change, claimed the wicket.

A long trip down to Sussex brought little joy, especially to the bowlers. From 108-2, Martin Hennock (132 not out) and Suresh Navaratnam (54 not out) severely punished the Suffolk attack, adding a further 203 runs to the total. Suffolk failed to climb that mountain as they were all out for 117. Steve Bumphrey opened the innings but lacked support, with just two more batters reaching double figures.

The match in Suffolk at least gave some comfort in the fact that Sussex only won by 46 runs. Without Hennock, Sussex were restricted to 229-8 in a match restricted to 40 overs-per-side. Bonvini took 3-50 while there were two wickets apiece for Stuart Stobbs and Colin Macrow.

Not too long a journey down to Essex, but Suffolk were on the end of another large score. Built around 145 from opener Kevin Thain, Essex scored 263-6 from their 45 overs. Neil Place returned the most economical figures of 0-25 from his nine while Pope's two wickets cost 52 runs. The Suffolk innings started badly and, alas, finished badly at 108 all out. Just two stand out knocks, with Stobbs (41) and Place (21).

The return match was also played in Essex, albeit a Suffolk home match, and a much-improved performance. Suffolk openers David Adams (70) and Ray Black (30) provided a platform on which to build an innings. After a dip in mid-order, 20s from Pope and Bonvini helped push the scoreboard along to 188-6 at tea.

Thain once again took a liking to the Suffolk bowling, scoring 54 runs on this occasion. Andy Phillips (45) became the fourth Essex batter to be sent back to the pavilion, but they were seen home by an unbeaten 38 from Nigel O'dell. An economical 1-20 from Aled Llewelyn and two wickets for Macrow could only delay an Essex victory.

The visit of Middlesex to Suffolk was unfortunately rained off. Middlesex at Southgate CC was a relatively close affair and a match that Suffolk could have won.

The home side invited Suffolk to bat first which could have proved their undoing. Black, Macrow, and Viqar Ahmed all scored 40s which propelled the total towards the 200 mark. Had one of those three turned a 40 into a big 50 then Suffolk might well have recorded more than their 196-6.

There was early hope for Suffolk as Llewelyn claimed two wickets. Opener Howard Lee hit a half century but No.4 Christopher Fletcher (92 not out) proved to be the match winner. Middlesex won by four wickets but they only had two balls in hand of their allotted 40 overs

it was a dismal day for Suffolk as Kent handed out a nine-wicket thumping. Suffolk were dismissed for a paltry 66, with Ahmed top-scoring with 20. Macrow took the one wicket to fall and if there was any consolation, it took Kent 24.3 overs to reach their target.

For the home leg at Kelvedon, the outcome was a lot closer and Suffolk did at least record a defendable score of 161-8, but it needed one of the batters who got started but then got out, to kick on and make a decent score. Captain Stuart Cooper top-scored with 25 and there were two more 20s and a further three in double figures.

Nasir Khan (49) and Jeff Brown (51) put on 83 for the first wicket before the Kent reply stuttered thanks to a four-wicket burst from Colin Macrow (4-17).

However, Kent passed the target with nine overs and five wickets in hand.

One of Suffolk's better performances occurred on the away trip to Hertfordshire. From 70-3, Macrow (69) and Stobbs (47) put on 79 for the fourth wicket. Macrow in partnership with Steve King (26) then added 60 further runs before Macrow was finally dismissed.

Could Suffolk force a win having scored 254-6? David Spring opened up the innings with 63 before becoming the first of Stobbs' two victims.

Relief was shortlived as Stephen Willis (59) and Martin Dunnett (48) pushed Herts closer to victory which came with four wickets and nine balls to spare. Rain forced the cancellation of the return leg.

Suffolk should have played a match in the preliminary round of the Vase competition, but decided not to travel such a long way for a match of little importance.

### **ECB Over-50s**

Suffolk began the group stage with an away trip to Northampton. After Northants only scored 170-8 in 45 overs, which was bolstered by 45 extras, most would



expect to see a comfortable Suffolk victory.

What was good to see was captain Sean Cooper start the season in determined fashion with 4-17 off his nine overs. Only Neil White, batting at No.4, offered much resistance with a patient half century.

The Suffolk batting left a lot to be desired as 14-3 was a disastrous start. Nick Keefe (29), Karl Storey (30) and Ben Moyle (29) all got started and then got out. At 151-9 the visitors appeared down and out, but fortunately Ian Knight and Paul Marston saved the day and Suffolk recorded an extremely nervy win. White added 3-19 to his earlier batting performance.

An away trip to Leicestershire is never an easy task but the signs looked good as Suffolk had both openers back in the pavilion with only nine runs on the board. That was as good as it got in the field as Craig Wilson led the counter-attack.

There followed a 216 partnership which Wilson dominated with a masterful array of power hitting. Wilson finally fell to a catch off the bowling of Knight with the scoreboard reading 333-5, after scoring 179 off 132 balls. The hosts' 341-5 was a daunting target to chase.

Cooper started the innings with a patient half century, but the required run rate was never challenged. Marcus Marvell entered the fray at 60-2 but, like Cooper, his innings was more about patience than power hitting. Marvell's 88 not out would have been a match-winning innings against a lesser target but the Suffolk reply of 227-6 appeared to be damage limitation.

Ipswich CC hosted the first home match of the campaign for the visit of Hunts. The visitors were on the back foot even before a ball had been bowled as they arrived with only 10 men.

Still, they won the toss and opted to bat. Cooper, as usual, opened the bowling and incredibly bowled a five-over spell without conceding a run!

Andrew Simmons, who came on as first change, also kept the run rate to a minimum, but more importantly dismissed both openers and the No.4. His 3-31 reduced Hunts to 80-3 with more than half the overs used up and their eventual 174-6 was a much easier target to chase.

Cooper (41) got the reply off to a decent start, but the day belonged to Nick Keefe. A century would have been fitting, but Keefe had to settle for 97 not out from 139 deliveries by the time Suffolk crossed the finish line with seven wickets in hand.

A fine batting performance at Flitwick CC against Bedfordshire appeared to have set up a third victory for Suffolk, who posted 248-6 thanks to a fine opening partnership of 120 between Arthur Wormington (67) and Cooper (76). Keefe's good form continued with a near run-a-ball 58. With three wickets falling in the last four overs, the total looked a little undercooked.

Three wickets on ECB debut for John Tooley helped to keep Bedfordshire in check despite a century partnership between Kevin Wright (65) and Andy Milne (66). At 216-6 with 4.1 overs remaining, Suffolk were in the driving seat. James Gear had other ideas and his 42 not out from 37 balls enabled Beds to snatch victory with one ball to spare.

The highlight of Cambridgeshire's innings at Stowmarket was a 79-ball 98 from opener Dominic Ralfs. The

remainder of the Cambs batters were kept in reasonable check by Suffolk's spinners. There were four wickets apiece for Simmons and Jamie Harper, Simmons being the more economical. Cambs total of 228 all out should have been relatively comfortable on a good batting track.

More runs for opener Cooper (76) but his opening partner, Wormington, was dismissed in the first over. Cooper apart, it was a relatively poor batting show although Paul Pallant tried to shore up the middle order with a patient 37. All hope was lost when Cooper was out at 168-8. All out for 174 and not Suffolk's finest hour.

The long trip up to Lincolnshire was rewarded with an eight-wicket win. A match that Suffolk were expected to win, but the story might have been different had Lincs opener Lee Brocklebank not retired injured. He was on 48 at a run-a-ball when forced to leave the crease. Without his hard hitting, Suffolk were able to stem the flow of runs, with Paul Marston taking the honours with 4-3 as Lincs posted 208-7 at tea.

Wormington (88 not out) rediscovered his form and along with Cooper (71), assuredly batted Suffolk to the brink of victory. Their partnership of 169 was finally broken in the 26<sup>th</sup> over. Keefe was dismissed shortly after Cooper but the win bonus was collected after a further five overs.

The final group match saw Norfolk travel down to Mildenhall, a Suffolk win by a big margin being required to qualify for the national play-offs. Suffolk won the toss and chose to bat with hopes of recording a big total. It was not to be as early wickets fell and at 82-5 Suffolk were in trouble.

Thankfully a 60 partnership between Karl Storey (57 not out) and Ben Moyle (25) for the sixth wicket did at least begin to put on a score that could be defended. At tea Suffolk had scored 163-6, a low total that had been severely restricted by the bowling of Sapumal Herathge, whose nine-over spell yielded him 1-11.

Unusually for Mildenhall, the track very much helped the bowlers and Norfolk similarly struggled to make runs. At 90-7 Suffolk had wrestled back the advantage although nerves began to fray as the eighth-wicket partnership added 47 runs. However, despite not bowling Norfolk out, Suffolk won an extremely tense match by an unlikely four runs.

For the first time for several years Suffolk failed to qualify for the national play-offs. They finished fourth in the group, with that heavy defeat in Leicestershire taking its toll as the play-offs were missed purely by net run rate.

### **Home Counties Over-50s**

There was extra incentive for Suffolk to improve on their 2021 performance as the competition now allowed for four teams to enter the play-offs rather than just the top two playing a final.

Buckinghamshire travelled to Bury St Edmunds for the first match. The visitors won the toss and got off to the best possible start with a century partnership of 113 through Jonathan Pritchard (53) and Masroor Alam (72). Jamie Harper (3-31) and Paul Pallant (3-49) put Suffolk back in control until a late blitz from Imran Ahmed (49 from 28 balls) made sure that a challenging total of 228-7 had been posted at tea.

Karl Storey, playing his usual anchor role, enjoyed partnerships of 85 with Paul Hollis (39) and 58 with Adam Polley (23). Two further wickets fell for the addition of just 23 runs which brought Pallant to the crease. Storey (106 not out) and Pallant (36 not out) guided Suffolk to a pleasing victory with 2.2 overs in hand.

A long away trip to Berkshire the following Thursday was made even longer with the team having to make various detours to avoid all the traffic heading to Royal Ascot. The visitors batted first, with Storey (50) and Hollis (32) opening the innings and recording a partnership of 64. With both openers plus a further two batters being dismissed, the innings looked to be crumbling. Nigel Parmenter might only have scored 11, but he stayed at the crease whilst Adrian Stockton was able to amass 84 from 81 balls as Suffolk reached 218-6 at tea.

If Berks were at all deflated by Stockton's knock, they certainly were after Lindsay Towers' opening burst of 2-10 from his allotted nine overs. Bucks were behind the gain line from over one and never recovered. Only home skipper Upendra Despande (45) showed any form as his team struggled to 157-7. Towers' fine spell was fully backed up by two wickets apiece for Jamie Harper and Tan Shahid.

Scoring 241-5 against Middlesex 3<sup>rd</sup> XI would have seemed to be winning total except that playing at Sudbury with its short boundaries, it was felt that Suffolk were 30 or 40 runs short of a challenging total. There was another ton for Storey (101 not out) and 75 for Polley, but the late order acceleration happened just too late.

England Over-60 Mike Stafford had a hand in that slow down with his 2-32 and then played a major role with the bat, hitting 71 after coming to the crease at 20-1. Pallant caused the visitors an amount of concern with his 5-32, but could not prevent Middlesex from reaching their target for the loss of eight wickets.

Rickmansworth CC in Hertfordshire was the venue for Storey's third century of the campaign. Suffolk, and Storey in particular, took full advantage of winning the toss. His 138 from 147 balls enabled Suffolk to reach the tea interval with 247-5 on the scoreboard. Storey was aided with valuable contributions from Polley, Parmenter and captain Eric Davy.

Having excelled with the bat, Suffolk then excelled in the field so much so that Herts never looked like overhauling the target. There were two wickets each for Ivan Newman, Lawrence Hall, Pallant and Harper. Hall returned the best figures, his 2-28 included a splendid caught and bowled. Ipswich CC was the venue for Surrey to play in Suffolk. Surrey won the toss and opted to bat first. No.4 Mike Redferne top-scored with 46 out of an unspectacular total of 204-9. Tan Shahid's 3-23 accounted for the final three wickets to fall.

The Suffolk reply did not start well, losing both openers with only 14 runs on the board. Polley (40) and a captain's innings from Davy (88) swung the match back towards a home win, with a partnership of 97. Suddenly, wickets tumbled and a defeat loomed large. Coming in at No.7, Harper saved the day with his 28 not out which included two huge sixes. A nervy two-wicket win kept up hopes of a play-off place.

Polley perhaps enjoyed the match down in Sussex rather more than his team-mates having scored his maiden Over-50s ton. Batting at No.3, he scored 118 not out from 131 balls. What he needed though was more support as Davy was the next highest scorer with 28.

However, 231-7 looked to be a decent total and when the Sussex reply had stuttered to 97-5 another away win looked to be a forgone conclusion. Home skipper Colin Coddington (77 not out) had other ideas and in partnership with Mark Poole (57 not out) clawed Sussex to victory without losing any further wickets.

To qualify for the play-offs, Suffolk had to beat Kent at Long Melford which seemed to be a difficult task as Kent amassed 244-7 off their 45 overs. The foundation for the Kent innings had been a partnership of 107 between captain John Olufawo (69) and Amit Patel (72) which had begun at 19-2. Harper's 3-57 was the pick of the Suffolk bowlers.

Suffolk needed an early response and achieved that with 77s coming from both Storey and Nick Wright on his home track. Polley followed up the previous week's ton with another half century as Suffolk secured that vital win with only three wickets down.

The final group game was an away match in Essex and the result would determine the make-up of the semi-finals. Suffolk won the toss and asked Essex to bat. Alas, this was probably the overall worst bowling performance of the year. Opener Lincoln Bryden smashed 115 and gained valuable support from Paul Miller (57) and their 281-7 was the largest total that Suffolk had faced.

An awful start followed as a lively bowling attack reduced the visitors to 43-4. Suffolk showed their fighting spirit with a 140-run partnership for the fifth wicket between Stockton and Ian Gedny. Had this pair batted a few overs longer and added to their respective scores of 86 and 76 then probably an unlikely away win could have been recorded.

No such luck as Gedny was fifth out at 183 and Stockton seventh out at 220. Harper's 35 not out off 18 balls almost won the day, but at 265-8 Suffolk had lost a thoroughly entertaining match.

The Essex defeat meant that Suffolk had to return to Essex in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the most important match of the season turned out to rank as probably their poorest performance. Essex won the toss and batted first and opener Lincoln Bryden again scored a ton. Unlike the group match, Bryden was dropped four times early during his innings.

Paul Miller also enjoyed the return of the Suffolk bowlers as he added 43 to his run tally. There were three wickets for Pallant and two for Shahid, but Harper was the most economical with 1-23 from his nine overs. In reply, Suffolk lost wickets all too regularly and failed to compose the partnerships they required to reach the final.

Credit to Stockton for a patient 50 and 33 from Pallant, but Suffolk were way off the mark at 201-9.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations go to Sean Cooper for continuing to appear for England Over-50s, Ian Knight for being selected and playing for England Over-60s, and for Ken Jones for being selected for the England Over-70s tour to Australia.



# Challenging times, but perseverance paid off over appointments

By STEPHEN LILLEY, Chairman of the Association of Suffolk Cricket Umpires and Scorers

WITH many of the restrictions lifted, 2022 saw a return to some sort of normality.

Having lost 20+ umpires off the panel over the previous two years, providing officials for the top three divisions of the Two Counties Championship was at times challenging, but the perseverance of Mel Phair, our Appointments Officer, and Phil Smith paid-off and as the season progressed appointing to games improved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Phil Smith, who stepped down from his role of 'Call Off/Assistant Appointments Officer' at this year's AGM but I am pleased to say he will still be seen out in the middle officiating.

We also appointed to the RHS Festival – after a two-year absence it was good to see the Under 11 and 12 players from near and far back in Suffolk to play in what is widely regarded as one of the best Youth festivals in the country.

We have another retiree, with Lindsay Huggins stepping down from his role as 'Appointments Co-ordinator', thank you Lindsay for all your hard work. The baton now passes to Peter Lodge, who will be taking this role forward.

Other fixtures that we appointed to were the Suffolk Youth fixtures; with additional sides in the programme there were more fixtures to cover, but these were excellently co-ordinated by Tom Smith.

Moving forward, one of our main priorities is to encourage

more people to take up officiating. Kathy Parker, Scorers Officer, is already taking steps to recruit more scorers and has organised courses from basic through to more advanced.

Following the AGM, we once again have our own Umpires Training Officer, with Elliot Spurling taking up this role, hopefully we will as a result recruit more umpires to our ranks.

At this point I would like to mention John Bloomfield who, as a past Chairman of this Association, has retired from officiating. John has given wonderful service not only to the Association but to all the leagues and competitions that he has officiated on.

I would like to thank our President, Dave Little who always affords us a welcome at Chantry Park for our meetings and the committee for all their hard work and support this last year.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Gordon Rayner, who as many of you will know, sadly passed away in December 2022 (*See obituary, page 39*).

Gordon was a past Chairman of the Association and in recent years also assisted Tom with Suffolk Youth appointments.

He was also regularly seen on the boundary edge watching matches, always ready with a quiet word of advice and encouragement for the officials and will be greatly missed.

## Marston stars as Copdock defeat PCA England Legends



Former England batter Jonathan Trott steers the ball into the offside as Copdock & OI wicket-keeper Jacob Marston looks on.

A COPDOCK & Old Ipswichian CC XI defeated the PCA England Legends by six wickets in a T20 match last summer.

The match, sponsored by Turners Hyundai, was a fundraiser towards the money required to put a permanent canopy on the front of the club's pavilion.

Suffolk wicket-keeper/batter Jacob Marston, coming in at No.3, scored 95 not out off only 58 deliveries to steer his side to victory with two balls to spare.

A good-sized crowd bathed in the July sunshine saw the home team successfully chase down the visitors' total of 177-8.

Mark Stoneman (38) and Nick Compton (45) compiled an opening stand of 80, after the PCA England Legends won the toss and chose to bat first. Ricky Clarke then added 37.

Fergus Atkins took 3-35, while Copdock Ladies' player Amelie Clarke impressed during her spell of 3-0-15-1.

Nicky Boje, the former South African international who is now director of cricket at Ipswich School, scored 34 in Copdock's reply, before Marston took centre stage.

Phil DeFreitas was the most successful bowler for the visitors, claiming 2-38.



# Finals joy for Easton, Battisford and Mildenhall

*Report by ANDEW BLANCHARD, County Cup Competitions Manager*



*Above: Easton 1s, winners of the Tier 2 competition.*

*Below Battisford, who won the Tier 3 competition.*



EASTON, Battisford and Mildenhall were all crowned winners at the Suffolk T20 Finals Day. Once again, a large crowd made its way to Woolpit for the culmination of the Suffolk T20 competitions, which was three-tiered (with no Tier 1 competition) and provided a finals day full of action and excitement.

After a group stage for each tier, it was Easton 1s and Woolpit 2s (Tier 2), Battisford and Melton (Tier 3) and Shotley Peninsula and Mildenhall (Tier 4) who qualified for Finals Day.

The morning fixture pitted Shotley against Mildenhall. After losing the toss and being asked to bat, Shotley scored





*Mildenhall, who triumphed in the Tier 4 competition.*

at a steady rate with Ru Dearing (42) and Tommy Smith (40) leading the way to a competitive total of 165-5. Mo Ubaid was the pick of the Mildenhall bowlers, taking 3-18 from his four overs.

Mildenhall's reply got off to a fine start, with the top three of Odin Thomas (33), Abdullah Jadoon (50) and Steve Grinling (34) setting a solid platform.

Shotley stayed in the game and some late innings wickets saw a nervy finish, with Mildenhall coming out on top with an over to spare.

In the afternoon Tier 3 final Battsford were put into bat first and a fine 53 from Harvey Skinner and 31 each from Casha Nijhawan and Chris Holman took them to 156-7 from 20 overs. Tom Shallish provided the highlight for Melton with the ball, taking 3-20.

In reply, despite a bright 42 from Tom Sidhu, Melton lost wickets at regular intervals. Tight bowling from Skinner and Jonny Doughty (3-27) saw Melton fall behind the rate and they finished 16 runs short.

In the Tier 2 final Woolpit 2s batted first, posting 154-4 from their 20 overs, with Stuart Lilley top-scoring with 53.

Easton, in response, whilst losing wickets were always up with the required rate. Despite George Tillbrook taking 4-34, it was Philipp Carlstroem's 38 and Will Laverne striking 40 from just 26 balls that ensured an Easton victory. A massive thank you to the team at Woolpit Cricket Club for being brilliant finals day hosts.

Finally, a thank you to all the teams who took part in last year's competition, and we look forward to the 2023 competition.

## Copdock & O.I.'s pitch earns top marks

COPDOCK & Old Ipswichian CC have the best pitch in the East Anglian Premier League – and that's official!

The club were announced as the winners of the Best Pitch of 2022 in the Read Brothers East Anglian Premier League at the league's AGM in November.

Sam Arthurton, who joined Copdock & OIs before the start of last season as the club's professional, was named in the Wisden Cricket ECB Premier League XI for 2022.

The opening bat scored 1,225 runs at 61.25 in all competitions for the club during the 2022 season.

Arthurton, who made the switch after 20 years at Great Witchingham, is also captain of Norfolk CCC.

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# Mildenhall reunited with cup after seven-year gap



Mildenhall Matadors pictured with the cup. Back row (left to right): Ben Palmer, Abdullah Jadoon, Ben Wittish, Olly Jeffries, Mo Ubaid. Front row: Aditya Singh, Leo Scarff, Connor Cobbold, Will Blackwell, Suroor Afzal, Odin Thomas.

*By Andrew Blanchard*

ALL roads led to Hadleigh for the final of the Vitality Under-19 T20 competition 2022 between the Hadleigh Hurricanes and Mildenhall Matadors.

Despite a brave attempt there was no home advantage as the Matadors were reunited with the trophy they last won in 2015.

The final, which was brilliantly hosted by Hadleigh, saw a good crowd watching on as the home side won the toss and opted to field first.

Despite Oliver Clark (2-39) taking a wicket in his first over, Mildenhall's top order began at a good rate, with Olly Jeffries (30) scoring quickly before being well caught by Matthew Clark. It was a fine partnership between Connor Cobbold (52) and Ben Palmer (50) that took them to a healthy 172 from their 20 overs.

Hadleigh's response set off at blistering pace with Isaac Toombs striking 50 not out from just 21 balls. Progress was checked though, with Ben Palmer taking 3-23 to raise the run-rate required.

Skipper Lewis Millions scored a quickfire 36 to offer some hope, but his dismissal ended the Hadleigh charge and they fell eight runs short of their target.

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# Mildenhall pipped to title after their best season

By ANDY ABBOTT, League Secretary

THEY say things are sent to try us. Just when we thought that we could have a full league playing season without any issues with the worst of the Covid pandemic being behind us, came the news in late February that Burwell & Exning had suffered a loss of players and had taken the decision to withdraw from the league and drop down three levels.

The management committee once again were left in a no-win situation and forced to go with eleven teams. To have taken another side from the feeder league would have caused wholesale disruption to parts of the pyramid which would have been unfair.

One man's loss is another man's gain, with several of the Burwell & Exning side making the eight-mile trip down the road to Mildenhall, and those arrivals ensured that the Suffolk side had probably their best-ever season in the league since its inception. Hall were embroiled in a battle with eventual champions Sawston & Babraham, who made it back-to-back titles.

The destination of the trophy came down to the game between the two clubs on the penultimate weekend. Sawston set Mildenhall 262 to win and Mildenhall had every chance with ten overs left but ended up 17 runs short.

The withdrawal of Burwell & Exning meant that under the league rules only three teams would contest the play-offs. Wisbech from the Cambs and Hunts Premier League received the bye to the final, which is not ideal and something that we will look at going forward.

In the play-off semi-final Fakenham from the Norfolk Alliance beat Two Counties side Halstead and on form went into the final as marginal favorites but as is often the case, the underdogs were the team that came through, Wisbech winning a fantastic game of cricket by six runs with two balls remaining.

It was a similar story in the Women's League, which is still a work in progress, with Mildenhall again to the fore. But just as in the Men's League it came down to the game at the end of the season when they came up against Thriplow and unfortunately Hall again came up second best and it was the reigning champions who made it back-to-back titles.

The league is still exploring whether there is a desire amongst the players and clubs for a second tier. A lot more work needs to be done in engaging with the feeder leagues to take this forward if the need is there.

Once again, the Premier League Umpires delivered. They



*Skipper Paddy Sadler pictured bowling in Sudbury's match away to Copdock & Old Ipswichian.*

were at the nub end of the introduction of the ECB General Conduct Regulations which, it is understood, will be cascaded down to the rest of the pyramid in 2023. It was not easy but the league will continue to bring all parties together to improve the game experience.

My thanks to sponsors Read Brothers Ltd Timber Merchants of Norwich and to the management committee. Finally, David Browne, after nine years at the helm as chairman, decided to step down. David came into the league at a difficult time and has steered it to become one of the leading Premier Leagues in the country.

In recognition of his service David was immediately made a Life Vice President of the league.

Paul Whittaker of Bury St Edmunds assumed the interim role and by the time you read this a new incumbent may well be in place.

FINAL TABLE 2022						
	P	W	L	D	C/A	Pts
Sawston & Babraham	20	14	2	4	0	420
Mildenhall	20	13	7	0	1	375
Sudbury	20	9	5	5	1	348
Copdock & O.I.	20	9	5	5	1	313
Great Witchingham	20	9	7	3	1	309
Horsford	20	8	10	1	1	289
Swardeston	20	7	10	2	1	272
Bury St Edmunds	20	5	9	5	1	247
Saffron Walden	20	5	12	2	1	230
Frinton On Sea	20	5	11	3	1	228
Witham	20	4	11	4	1	222

# Hadleigh finish third for third year in a row

By ALAN ROGERS, Assistant Secretary

WITH the threat of Covid ever receding, it is most pleasing to issue a report of a complete Two Counties league season. Even the weather seemed to respond as there were only a couple of wet weekends to spoil the show.

Batter-friendly conditions prevailed for most of the 22 weekends which can be evidenced by examining the play-cricket stats. For the traditionalists, the big disappointment was the number of clubs that had stopped providing a full tea.

Witham put the icing on a very successful 2021 by defeating Downham Stow and then Eaton Socon in the EAPL play-offs. They duly took their promotion to the EAPL along with the best wishes of the Two Counties.

Witham's departure to the EAPL left Division One without an obvious favourite to win the Championship trophy. Starting in mid-April, Coggeshall had the longest unbeaten run, but even that came to an end on week five.

Heading into June, Halstead and Mistley were leading, each having lost only one match. Week 11 was half-way, and Halstead were still on top, their first weekend defeat being followed by nine victories and one abandonment.

Coggeshall had also accumulated nine victories, but had suffered a further defeat. Mistley and Hadleigh, both with seven wins, were not too far adrift.

As the season progressed, the class of Halstead's young New Zealand wicket-keeper, Max Chu (1,271 runs) and the all-round abilities of Josh Wells (833 runs and 39 wickets) would yield a further eleven victories and the Championship title. Coggeshall had much to thank Eben Botha (831 runs) and Kane Addison (41 wickets) for maintaining the challenge whilst Hadleigh finished third for the third consecutive season.

A depleted Maldon had a season to forget. They won their first match in week four and did not collect another win bonus until week 17. One more win was not enough to rise to 11<sup>th</sup> in the table let alone avoid relegation.

East Bergholt and Kesgrave both had good starts to the season and it seemed that it would be either Worlington or Wivenhoe to fall with Maldon.

However, East Bergholt and Kesgrave lost form and Worlington and Wivenhoe picked up some valuable wins. At the death, Kesgrave just failed to accumulate enough points and so their stay in the top division amounted to just one season.

Dunmow, Easton, and Kelvedon & Feering led the way in Division Two over the early weeks. There were no early clues as to who would prevail as Dunmow, always competitive, Easton, newly-promoted, and Kelvedon only remaining in Division Two as a result of Ipswich pulling out.

At the end of June, Kelvedon held sway with ten wins,



*Division Three winners Woolpit 2nd XI pictured with their trophy and pennant at the Two Counties Presentation Dinner held at Venue 16 in November.*

Dunmow on nine, and Easton on eight. It remained a close call for the remaining weeks, but the title swung in favour of Easton as they defeated both Dunmow and Kelvedon.

At the conclusion, these three teams all had 16 in the win column and were only separated by 10 points. Dunmow ended six points behind Kelvedon, who were only four points behind Easton.

For Easton, captain Will Laverne contributed 755 runs whilst Chris Wells took 50 wickets. Similarly, Kelvedon had much to thank Alfie Long (533 runs) and Ed Smith (39 wickets).

The battle to avoid relegation was also a close-run affair, with four teams all finishing with seven victories. Little Bardfield Village and Copdock & OI 2nds both finished with equal points – 23 points ahead of Sudbury 2nds and Lakenheath. Lakenheath's cause was not helped by them having to concede a match.

A second trophy would be heading to Suffolk as Woolpit 2nds made most of the running in Division Three. At the end of June, they stood a dozen points ahead of Witham 2nds, Mildenhall 3rds and Nacton having secured nine wins against the chasers with seven.

With George Tillbrook (1,121) scoring runs for fun, Woolpit consolidated their top spot with Witham, for whom Michael Glynn hit 838 runs, now their main danger.

At the season end, Woolpit's lead over Witham had only been narrowed by two points, obviously assisted by Woolpit



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## Final League Tables 2022 Season

### DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Halstead	22	20	1	1	0	409
Coggeshall	22	18	4	0	0	368
Hadleigh	22	15	5	2	0	346
Mistley	22	12	8	2	0	298
Mildenhall	22	11	11	0	0	293
Woolpit	22	11	9	2	0	284
Clacton	22	9	12	1	0	253
Wivenhoe	22	7	13	2	0	239
East Bergholt	22	6	14	2	0	225
Worlington	22	7	15	0	0	213
Kesgrave	22	6	15	1	0	206
Maldon	22	3	18	1	0	178

### DIVISION TWO

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Easton	22	16	5	1	0	365
Kelvedon & Feering	22	16	4	1	1	361
Dunmow	22	16	6	0	0	355
Braintree	22	11	11	0	0	274
Elmstead	22	10	9	2	1	273
Copford	22	10	11	1	0	269
Haverhill	22	10	12	0	0	257
Bury St Edmunds	22	8	14	0	0	253
Little Bardfield	22	7	13	1	1	249
Copdock & OI	22	7	11	3	1	249
Sudbury	22	7	15	0	0	226
Lakenheath	22	7	14	1	0	209

### DIVISION THREE

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Woolpit	22	18	3	1	0	370
Witham	22	16	6	0	0	360
Nacton	22	14	7	1	0	315
Walsham Le Willows	22	13	9	0	0	306
Frinton	22	12	9	1	0	291
F'stowe & Corinthians	22	10	11	1	0	276
Mildenhall	22	10	10	2	0	267
Mistley	22	9	11	1	1	249
Tuddenham	22	8	11	2	1	233
Long Melford	22	6	15	1	0	205
Ipswich & East Suffolk	22	5	16	1	0	197
Stowmarket	22	4	17	1	0	190

### DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Coggeshall Town	22	21	1	0	0	404
Abberton & District	22	17	3	2	0	364
Hadleigh	22	16	5	1	0	361
Brockley	22	15	7	0	0	339
Nowton	22	13	9	0	0	318
Eight Ash Green	22	10	12	0	0	268
Wivenhoe Town	22	7	12	2	1	242
Maldon	22	9	12	1	0	237
Haverhill	22	6	16	0	0	195
Needham Market	22	5	16	0	1	191
East Bergholt	22	6	16	0	0	189
Worlington	22	3	19	0	0	159

### DIVISION FIVE

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Ipswich	22	16	6	0	0	349
Great Bromley District	22	15	5	2	0	337
Halstead	22	15	6	1	0	331
West Bergholt	22	13	8	1	0	310
St Margaret's	22	11	10	1	0	295
Dunmow	22	11	11	0	0	287
Battisford & District	22	11	10	1	0	280
Harwich & Dovercourt	22	11	10	1	0	274
Easton	22	13	9	0	0	270
Stowupland	22	10	11	1	0	266
Abberton & District	22	2	20	0	0	149
Mildenhall	22	1	21	0	0	130

### DIVISION SIX

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Bardwell	22	19	2	1	0	397
Chapel & Wakes Colne	22	17	3	1	1	371
Melton St Audry's	22	15	6	1	0	339
Earl Stonham	22	14	8	0	0	321
Bury St Edmunds	22	11	11	0	0	280
Worlingworth	22	11	10	1	0	270
Woodbridge	22	10	11	0	1	266
F'stowe & Corinthians	22	9	11	2	0	254
Kesgrave	22	10	10	2	0	254
Braintree	22	5	17	0	0	164
Sudbourne Hall	22	3	19	0	0	145
Sudbury	22	3	16	3	0	86

### DIVISION SEVEN

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Colchester Cavaliers	20	16	3	1	0	339
West Bergholt	20	15	5	0	0	321
West Mersea	20	14	6	0	0	310
Woolpit	20	11	8	1	0	276
Yoxford	20	10	9	1	0	266
Tendring	20	9	9	2	0	253
Copford	20	9	10	1	0	229
Chappel & Wakes Colne	20	8	12	0	0	218
Copdock & OI	20	7	12	1	0	204
Maldon	20	6	13	1	0	202
Haverhill	20	0	20	0	0	71

### DIVISION EIGHT

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Brightlingsea	20	18	0	2	0	367
IPSCOL	20	17	3	0	0	338
Ipswich	20	12	7	1	0	276
Coggeshall Town	20	11	8	1	0	248
Earls Colne	20	10	10	0	0	246
Stowmarket	20	9	10	1	0	229
Eight Ash Green	20	8	12	0	0	211
Long Melford	20	7	11	2	0	207
Mistley	20	7	12	1	0	188
Saxmundham	20	5	15	0	0	108
Brockley	20	2	18	0	0	25

### DIVISION NINE EAST

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Boxted	16	13	0	0	0	315
St Margaret's	16	10	5	0	0	241
Stowupland	16	9	6	1	0	240
Ipswich & East Suffolk	16	9	4	1	0	202
Melton St Audry's	16	7	6	2	0	199
Nacton	16	4	8	1	0	138
Stradbroke	16	4	12	0	0	114
Woodbridge	16	3	9	1	0	75
F'stowe & Corinthians	16	2	11	0	0	55

### DIVISION NINE SOUTH

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Elmstead	18	16	0	1	0	316
Kelvedon and Feering	18	11	5	0	0	286
Halstead	18	11	5	1	0	269
Witham	18	10	7	0	0	256
Finton On Sea	18	1	9	0	0	227
Real Oldies	18	8	10	0	0	207
Abberton & District	18	1	8	1	0	194
Harwich & Dovercourt	18	6	8	0	0	176
Maldon	18	2	9	1	0	72
West Mersea	18	0	17	0	0	34

### DIVISION NINE WEST

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Elveden	18	14	2	0	0	321
Acton	18	11	4	0	0	301
Nowton	18	12	4	1	0	285
Bardwell	18	11	6	0	0	264
Walsham le Willows	18	8	6	1	0	227
Mildenhall	18	5	11	0	0	190
Woolpit	18	2	15	0	0	154
Bury St Edmunds	18	4	11	0	0	153
Lakenheath	18	3	10	0	0	110
Worlington	18	4	5	0	0	65

### SUNDAY LEAGUE

#### LADIES' T20 PERFORMANCE

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Woolpit	8	4	2	0	0	125
F'stowe & Corinthians	8	4	3	0	0	84
Melton St Audry's	8	4	2	0	0	75
Mistley	8	6	5	0	0	69
Copdock & OI	8	3	3	0	0	57

#### LADIES' T20 CENTRAL

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
F'stowe & Corinthians	8	6	0	0	0	151
Battisford & District	8	3	1	0	0	80
Melton St Audry's	8	2	4	0	0	77
Worlingworth	8	1	6	0	0	69
Woolpit	8	2	3	0	0	56

#### LADIES' T20 EAST

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Frinton On Sea	8	6	1	0	0	133
Hadleigh	8	4	3	0	0	106
East Bergholt	8	3	4	0	0	104
Copdock & OI	8	3	2	0	0	53
Ipswich & East Suffolk	8	1	7	0	0	53

#### LADIES' T20 WEST

	P	W	L	NR	T	Pts
Worlington	6	4	1	0	1	91
Mildenhall	6	4	1	0	1	87
City of Ely	6	2	4	0	0	65
Bardwell	6	1	5	0	0	48

winning both head-to-head fixtures. Nacton and Walsham-le-Willows maintained a distant challenge to finish third and fourth.

At the foot of the table, Long Melford narrowly avoided the drop to Division Four after a poor start to the season. A much-improved second half enabled them to keep at bay Ipswich & East Suffolk and Stowmarket, who would face the drop.

Coggeshall 2nds won a second honour of the season for their club as they stormed to the Division Four title with a mighty impressive 21 wins and one defeat.

That one defeat occurred on week 14 on their visit to Abberton. That win for Abberton was crucial come the end of the season as they managed to fend off Hadleigh 2nds to retain second place in the table by just three points. This was a great effort by Hadleigh since they had only gained promotion the previous season. Dean Bass (35 wickets) and Trevon Garraway (34) were Coggeshall's star bowlers whilst Elliott Mann kept Abberton in the hunt with 992 runs.

East Bergholt 2nds, who came up with Hadleigh in 2021, could not emulate the performance of their close neighbours, and returned to Division Five along with Worlington 2nds.

After dropping their 1<sup>st</sup> X1 and having such a poor 2021 in Division Five, it was good to see Ipswich begin to recover lost ground. They had a steady start as Great Bromley made the initial running along with Dunmow 2nds.

By halfway, Ipswich had hauled themselves to the top of the division, with West Bergholt and Great Bromley just one victory adrift. Eight wins and three defeats in each half of the season ensured that the winner's trophy would head to Clay Hall, with much impetus provided by Rob Southall (539 runs) and Jamie Di Cosimo (41 wickets).

Great Bromley, powered by 1,042 runs from Michael Griffin, managed to hold off Halstead 2nds by a mere six points to claim the runners-up berth.

Mildenhall 4ths seemingly had one promotion too many and struggled in this division, recording just one win. Better fortune maybe in 2023 in Division Six along with Abberton 2s who ended with two wins and a long way from safety.

Suffolk clubs dominated the top half of Division Six over the course of the first eleven weeks, the only 'interloper' from Essex being Chappel & Wakes Colne.

Bardwell, who had led the division for most of the early weeks, remained resolute for the remainder of the season to record an impressive 19 wins.

Chappel & Wakes Colne improved over the second half of the season, to finish in second place with 16 wins and a tie, enabling them to fend off Melton St Audry's.

There was an interesting contest between Paballo Mogoera (Bardwell) and Tom Whiteman (Chappel & Wakes Colne). Mogoera scored 1,334 runs and took 59 wickets (a new divisional record), whereas Whiteman scored 1,451 runs (a new divisional record) and took 44 wickets.

Both these teams should do well in Division Five in 2023. Sudbourne Hall and Sudbury 3rds might have a better chance to regroup in a lower division this season, three wins each not being enough to avoid relegation.

Division Seven was very much controlled by Essex-based clubs. Colchester Cavaliers and West Bergholt both recorded 15 wins, with West Mersea a very close third with 14 wins.

With a 1,000 plus runs between them, Noman Jalib (564) and Shan Khan (501) for the Cavaliers held sway over West Bergholt's James Baker (412 runs) and Matt Elmakahleh (36 wickets).

Two players that deserve special mention are James Rutter (West Mersea) in setting a new divisional record of 1,083 runs and a phenomenal performance by a young lady, Jess Board of Woolpit, who was the third top run scorer with 730 runs.

Two 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs, Maldon and Haverhill, finished at the foot of the table and drop a level for 2023. Haverhill had the unenviable record of not winning a single match.

Brightlingsea continued their resurgence, collecting the Division Eight trophy following their success in Division Nine in 2021. The problem of a shortage of players at lower levels is reflected in that Brightlingsea benefited by collecting 80 points from four conceded matches. However, that should not deflect their record of winning 14 of their remaining scheduled matches.

Alfred English (464 runs) and Rowan Hunt (24 wickets) were their top performers. IPSCOL had a splendid season and were mighty close to overhauling Brightlingsea with a tally of 16 wins.

Sachin Devaiah was the top batter in the division with 753 runs. IPSCOL will surely continue to improve, especially when they will get their own ground in a year or two.

Sadly, Mistley 3rds and Saxmundham Sports will be playing in Division Nine in 2023. Alas, Brockley 2nds were one of those clubs struggling for players and have since withdrawn from the Championship.

Boxted were keen to introduce a 2<sup>nd</sup> XI but to do this, they had to exit Division Nine East. This was more than comfortably achieved as they completed the season undefeated, with 13 wins from 13 matches played plus three concession wins.

Batting was their obvious strength, with Steven Sestak (523 runs) topping the run chart and a further three batsmen in the top five. In the South, Elmstead 2nds achieved a predictable title win after having been relegated from Division Five in 2021. Adam Worsley's 635 runs were key in compiling 16 victories from their 18 scheduled matches.

Eighteen years is a long time to wait for a trophy and at long last a winner's pennant will be proudly hanging in the Elveden pavilion. The season was a personal triumph for Ryan Fitt with 911 runs, a new divisional record, and 40 wickets.

Ardleigh joined the Two Counties Sunday League in 2018. In

those years when Great Bromley and Wivenhoe dominated, they were pleased to have finished in third place on two occasions.

Good things have obviously happened at this club as they have now won their first trophy with an unblemished record of 14 wins out of 15, with the 15<sup>th</sup> being abandoned due to bad weather.

Captain Kurt Lamont can be well pleased with his season, having scored 860 runs, and he was assisted by Graham Cole with 22 wickets.

Great Bromley continued their good run in this division by finishing as runners-up, but four defeats meant that they were a good way off the top spot.

There was an interesting twist in the Ladies' T20 competition as the Two Counties were asked to assist Cambridgeshire in setting up a division in preparation for a Cambridgeshire League in 2023. So, for 2022 only, there were two performance divisions and the usual three development divisions, Central, East and West.

The Performance division was won by Woolpit 2nds. Woolpit, Felixstowe & Corinthians, and Melton St Audry's all won four matches on the field, but Woolpit benefited from winning a further two matches by concessions.

Hollie Dring-Richardson hit 78 runs for Woolpit from two innings but overall the top individual performer in this division was Alice Lowe of Felixstowe & Corinthians, with 152 runs and 13 wickets. The Performance West division was won by Thriplow, winners of the Development West in 2021.

Sadly, with the Cambridgeshire teams having little experience of league cricket, too many matches were conceded or not rearranged when bad weather intervened. In the matches that were played, Anabel Kaser scored 94 runs in two innings.

Felixstowe & Corinthians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI built upon the good work of their 1<sup>st</sup> XI by completing an unbeaten season to lift the Development Central title. Six wins from six matches played plus two wins from concessions meant that they finished a distance ahead of Battisford.

The 99 runs scored by Rachel Jones and Tracy Westley's eight wickets were crucial to their success. In the East, there was a first trophy for Frinton-on-Sea. Min Patel with 96 runs and eight wickets for Sophie O'Connor helped secure six victories and just one defeat.

Hadleigh were runners-up, but a mention to East Bergholt who in their debut season had the division's top run scorer, Grace Blenkinsopp (138) and the top wicket-taker, Jack Marsh with nine wickets.

The West only had four teams which meant a maximum of six matches. Worlington and Mildenhall 2nds both won four matches and the match between these two at Mildenhall was tied. The title win for Worlington owed much to the runs of Sara Neaves (133) and Rachel Lee (112).

The proposed second tier of the East Anglian Premier League was put on the back burner until 2024 and with no significant withdrawals in 2022, the committee were spared another major re-organisation.

No new clubs joined the Two Counties but Sunday League winners asked and were welcomed into the Saturday feeder competition. Brightlingsea's resurgence continued as they and Colchester Cavaliers entered the Sunday competition.



# Seniors are fast approaching 1,000th fixture

*Two Counties' Seniors report by JOHN GALLANT*



*The Two Counties Over-50s team pictured after winning the T20 Tournament at Ipswich C.C.*

IT WAS another successful season for the Two Counties Seniors Family.

A record total of 53 games were arranged, with just a few cancelled because of the weather. The results summary is as follows:

**Over 50s:** P24, W9, L11, D2, T1, A1, with 1 cancelled (includes tour games)

**Over 60s:** P12, W6, L6, with 5 cancelled

**Over 70s:** P8, W6, L2, with 3 cancelled

Availability was very good again both with existing players and new ones. There were some excellent team performances, with centuries for John Stuck, Karl Storey, Rob Collett and Jim Keys and six wickets in an innings for Derrick Messent, with five for Trevor Money, Martin Southwell and John Stonehouse, together with many other fine individual performances.

There were a number of highlights during the year. The Over-50s won the T20 Tournament at Ipswich, The President's Day game at Elmstead finished in a tie with the last wicket falling off the last ball of the 40 overs, the Tour was a great success after a gap of two years and we now have two Golf Days, by popular request.

We owe special thanks to the captains, Pat Patel, Nick Meakin and Bruce Tompkins, for all their hard work with team selection and arrangements for the games and for introducing several new players, this is especially important for the future of the Seniors.

Thank you also to Eric, Kevin and Richard who were always willing to stand in for them when required. We also thank Charles Revell, who organised the umpires and scorers and those umpires and scorers who stood in our games.

We also thank Stuart Carpenter for his work as social manager, John Stuck for organising the Golf Days, and Rick Jones and Steve Isaac for the match reports and other information about the Seniors on the league website.

We received a great welcome from the clubs who host our games, namely Bayford and Nondescripts, Billericay, Chadacre Hall, Chippenham Park, Copdock & Old Ipswichians, Copford, Eight Ash Green, Elmstead, Frinton, Halstead, Hockerill, Ipswich, Kelvedon, Melton St

Audry's, Mistley, Nacton, Old Buckenham, Sprowston, Stock, Twinstead, Witham, Wivenhoe, and Worlingworth. We hope to be able to return to all of these in 2023.

We are grateful for the press coverage during the year although we did not produce reports for all our games.

We did lose Mark Sergeant, Alan Burt and 'Badger' Ball during the year, all great supporters of the Seniors over many years.

One of the comments that we receive frequently is that everybody enjoys our games. They are played very competitively but at the same time it is important that the enjoyment aspect is to the forefront as well.

Since the very first game in 1987, The Seniors have played 960 games; it is expected that the 1,000<sup>th</sup> game will be played towards the end of the coming season.

Everybody connected with the Seniors, be it as player, official or supporter, is a volunteer but if we all continue to join in with the same spirit and all participate and make our contribution, the playing and volunteering becomes even more enjoyable and rewarding.

So, another successful season for The Two Counties Seniors Family, and we are looking forward to more of the same this year.

## OVER-50s RESULTS

**Two Counties 221-4** (P Tompkins 50rt, B Moyle 46, S Sargent 36no, A Stockton 35, T Locke 2-48). **Suffolk Over-50s 160** (T Shahid 34, K Greenaway 2-27, L Towers 2-44). Two Counties won by 61 runs.

**Two Counties 227** (V Agarwal 83no, J Tooley 40, T Oram 4-30, W Farrance 4-31). **Frinton-on-Sea CC 179-7** (A Hashami 64, F Hardes 38, T Shahid 2-35, B Wilderspoon-Webb 2-38). Two Counties won by 48 runs.

**Two Counties 185** (K Storey 90, S Henderson 35). **Norfolk Over-50s 186-3** (P Dewing 77). Norfolk Over 50s won by 7 wkts.

**Two Counties 247-8** (P Tompkins 62, A Ozakabal 3-50). **Chippenham Park 152-8** (J Holmes 43, M Southwell 3-41, J Burrows 2-26, C Hills 2-30). Match drawn.

**Two Counties 189-8** (E Davy 41, S Sargent 33, N Claus 3-23, P Yate 2-27). **Kelvedon & Feering CC 105** (P Tomkins 39, T Shahid 3-9, M Southwell 2-10). Two Counties won by 84 runs.

**Two Counties 250-4** (J Keys 102no, P Tomkins 70, M Harris 2-39). **Halstead CC 144** (S Dicker 42, D Last 34, M Southwell 4-45, T Nashwan 3-25). Two Counties won by 106 runs.

**Two Counties v Nomads CC.** Match cancelled.

**Two Counties 203-9** (S Sargent 68, P Tompkins 37, E Flatman 4-38). **Chippenham Park 198** (A Holmes 45, C Brown 42, T Money 5-27). Two Counties won by 5 runs.  
**Two Counties 196-6** (N Meakin 70, R Collett 38, J Wright 2-38) **Eight Ash Green 202-4** (M Young 51rt, J Lissimore 50rt, T Money 3-50). Eight Ash Green won by 6 wkts.

#### YORKSHIRE TOUR

**Two Counties 170-6** (N Meakin 70, T Money 33no). **Embsay 174-6** (S Robinson 41, N Robinson 34no, B Robertson 33). Embsay won by 4 wkts.  
**Steeton Seniors 232-6** (M Freemans 44, B Howarth 41no, J Higginson 38, T Shahid 3-45). **Two Counties 222-6** (P Patel 79, N Meakin 70, R Chapman 3-39). Steeton Seniors won by 10 runs.  
**Sutton-in-Craven 183** (S Fountain 39, E Hurley 39no, M Southwell 4-32). **Two Counties 158-9** (S Trivedi 41, S Bulger 40, R Thornton 4-19). Sutton-in-Craven won by 25 runs.  
**Two Counties 164-7** (S Trivedi 37). **Skipton 168-7** (M Fry 45, C Owers 37, M Southwell 3-35). Skipton won by 3 wkts.  
**Two Counties 250-6** (B Moyle 52rt, N Meakin 50rt, Tomkins 49). **Old Markonians 251-7** (R Slater 86, P Elby 45, M Southwell 3-64). Old Markonians won by 3 wkts.  
**Marauders 230-5** (S Henderson 50rt, S Sargent 48, F Eadie 43). **Pirates 230** (S Trivedi 55no, D Luxford 45, M Southwell 3-32). Match tied.  
**Two Counties 199-4** (K Storey 53rt, S Henderson 51rt, S Sargent 50rt P Dix 3-34). **Sprowston Seniors 166-8** (R Guyton 68, P Dix 36, T Money 3-15, C Hills 2-18). Two Counties won by 33 runs.  
**Two Counties 259-6** (N Meakin 53rt, S Henderson 53rt, K Storey 50rt, G McKay 2-36) **Old Markonians 210-6** (P Tomkins 85, A Muser 49, C Hills 2-36, T Money 2-32). Two Counties Seniors won by 49 runs.

**Two Counties 225-4** (K Storey 97, P Tomkins 33, D Day 2-32). **Mistley XI 226-1** (G Hutton 120no, D Day 82no). Mistley XI won by 9 wkts.  
**Two Counties 225-4** (K Storey 104rt, E Davy 36) v **Witham Seniors**. Match abandoned.  
**Two Counties 177-6** (N Meakin 58, R Thacker 2-20, C Barnham 2-21). **Norfolk Over 50s 178-6** (M Weedon 50, I Moody 32, D Crewe 3-22). Norfolk Over 50s won by 4 wkts.  
**XL Club 262-6** (A Mohammed 63, Y Mohammed 60no, D Rai 51, M Southwell 3-65, T Money 2-59). **Two Counties 214** (R Collett 100, D Rai 4-56). XL Club won by 48 runs.  
**Halstead Seniors 143** (S Sargent 35, J Rose 35, M Southwell 3-17, N Claus 3-32). **Two Counties 88** (K Storey 29, A Mohammed 29, M Harris 5-6, D Elsbury 5-30). Halstead Seniors won by 55 runs.

#### Suffolk Over-50s T20 Tournament at Ipswich CC

First Round

**Two Counties 145-6** (F Fitch 35rtd, J Tooley 35rtd). **Cambridge Over-50s 130** (K Greenaway 3-23, V Rajagopal 3-30). Two Counties won by 15 runs.

Final

**Two Counties 178-2** (E Davy 36rtd, A Polley 35rtd, B Moyles 35rtd, F Fitch 35rtd). **Norfolk Over-50s 135** (A Bishop 38no, J Edwards 26, V Rajagopal 2-22, J Tooley 2-28). Two Counties won by 43 runs.

**Two Counties 252-6** (A Stockton 52rtd, B Moyle 50rtd, V Rajagopal 46, D Luxford 44). **Ipswich Seniors 213** (N Maan 56no, R Culley 50, J Tooley 4-42, V Rajagopal 3-37). Two Counties won by 39 runs.

#### OVER-60s RESULTS

**Two Counties 213-9** (N Meakin 50rt, R Collett 50rt). **Norfolk Over-60s 159** (T Roper 50rt, J Morgan 4-25). Two Counties Over 60s won by 54 runs.

**Two Counties v Billericay Veterans**. Match cancelled.

**Two Counties 185-5** (S Sargent 59no, M Thew 49, C Cansdale 2-32). **Essex Police Veterans 123-6** (P Fisk 28no, T Oram 2-42, K Ross 1-7). Two Counties won by 62 runs.

**Hockerill Veterans 225-3** (A Waheed 113no, G Vernon 56, M Southwell 2-46). **Two Counties 150-7** (J Wiseman 40, A Sims 38, P Murray 3-36). Hockerill Veterans won by 75 runs.

**Two Counties v Surrey Over 60s**. Match cancelled.

**Two Counties 141-8** (J Wedge 34, N Meakin 28, D Sykes 2-21, G Woodington 2-23). **Hockerill Veterans 142-6** (G Vernon 38, A Waheed 37, T Oram 3-18, S Sargent 2-19). Hockerill Veterans won by 4 wkts.

**Chelmer Veterans 213-8** (C Southerby 52, S Cooper 52, M Southwell 3-34, A Mills 3-56). **Two Counties 146-8** (R Polley 28, M Robinson 3-21). Chelmer Veterans won by 67 runs.

**Essex Police Veterans 206-5** (R Strotton 67, C Martin 53, J Stonehouse 40, K Greenaway 2-30, M Southwell 2-31). **Two Counties 207-5** (J Wiseman 88, J Gallant 71, J Couchman 4-23). Two Counties won by 5 wkts.

**Chelmer Veterans 206-5** (S Cooper 88, M Ryers 56, C Southerby 52, M Pope 2-59). **Two Counties 197-8** (S Sargent 62no, N Meakin 36, N Patel 4-35, A Booker 2-7). Chelmer Veterans won by 9 runs.

**Two Counties v Hockerill Veterans**. Match cancelled.

**Two Counties v Billericay Veterans**. Match cancelled.

**Two Counties 278-5** (A Gallant 52no, J Gallant 52, N Meakin 50, A Mills 2-52). **Mistley XI 201-5** (J Jackson 57, T Mills 47, C Hills 2-26). Two Counties 60+ won by 77 runs.

**Melton Seniors 240-6** (E Green 103rt, S Furmston 79no, M Grubb 29no, T Oram 1-22). **Two Counties 230-5** (M Pope 68, J Gallant 47, J Wiseman 44, T Booker 2-44). Melton Seniors won by 10 runs.

**Billericay Veterans 169-9** (P Wakefield 88no, M Southwell 2-17).

**Two Counties 127-7** (J Wedge 38, P Brown 3-8). Billericay Veterans won by 42 runs.

**Two Counties v Norfolk Over-60s**. Match cancelled.

#### Over-60s T20 Tournament at Ipswich CC

First Round

**Two Counties 165-6** (S Trivedi 36rtd, S Stobbs 23, T Money 2-26).

**Essex Over-60s 125-3** (L French 35rtd, T Hollingsworth 33no). Two Counties won by 40 runs.

Final

**Two Counties 143-4** (R Collet 36rtd, J Gallant 34, M Warner 33).

**Hertfordshire 144-6** (D Elder 36rtd, D Watson 35rtd). Hertfordshire won by 4 wkts.

#### OVER-70s RESULTS

**Suffolk Over-60s 234-3** (D Simmonds 50rt, M Warner 50rt). **Two Counties 166-7** (P Maynard 50rt, J Nicholl 3-39). Suffolk Over-60s won by 68 runs.

**Two Counties v Hertfordshire Over-70s**. Match cancelled.

**Two Counties v Norfolk/Suffolk Seniors**. Match cancelled.

**Two Counties 164-3** (J Stuck 33rt, C Martin 32rt). **East Anglian Ladies 103** (M Southgate 42, M Southwell 5-8, A Highfield 3-31). Two Counties won by 61 runs.

**Two Counties v Billericay Veterans**. Match cancelled.

**East Anglian Ladies 195-4** (M Southgate 93rt, K Benson 50rt, C Smith 26). **Two Counties 198-2** (J Stuck 109no, S Isaac 41, J Hadcock 28). Two Counties won by 8 wkts.

**Two Counties 242-5** (S Isaac 86, C Martin 53rt, J Stuck 48). **Norfolk/Suffolk Seniors 232-8** (J Shrimpton 68, P Maynard, D Messent 6-69). Two Counties won by 10 runs.

**East Anglian Ladies 173-4** (S Mingel 103no, M Cardy 22, B Tompkins 2-25). **Two Counties 174-4** (S Isaac 50, C Martin 43no, A Highfield 29\*, A Scammel 2-50). Two Counties won by 6 wkts.

**Two Counties 277-1** (J Stuck 147no, R Ratford 91, C Martin 26no).

**Hertfordshire Over-70s 119-6** (J Renuitt 45, M Southwell 2-11, D Messent 2-23). Two Counties won by 158 runs.

**Two Counties 173-8** (C Martin 40, J Morgan 29, J Powell 3-29, A Barnes 3-42). **Norfolk/Suffolk Seniors 174-7** (R Ratford 55, J Taylor 45, M Southwell 4-43, S Stobbs 2-30). Norfolk/Suffolk Seniors won by 3 wkts.

**Two Counties 218-5** (J Stuck 127no, R Jenkin 2-46).

**Norfolk/Suffolk Seniors 197-5** (C Watson 54, D Andrews 45)

Two Counties 70+ won by 21 runs.



# Bury St Edmunds win league title for first time

*By Gerard Artindale, league secretary*



*Brantham CC, who won the Division Four title. Back row (left to right): Graham Hayes, Tony Nicholls, Richard Uren, Mark Godbold, Harry Parkes, Ashley Uren, James Pearce, Edward Nobbs. Front row: Liam Druce, Stuart Hunt, Sam Gooch, Jason Pembroke (capt), Joel Andrews, Charlie Stockton.*

THE long dry summer allowed an almost uninterrupted season, with only seven games cancelled across all five divisions. This was a marked contrast to the disruption caused by Covid and the weather in the previous two years. Thurston withdrew before the start of the season and Copdock 2s mid-way through, but the number of conceded games fell and so all clubs managed to play a relatively full fixture list. Not surprisingly on lightning-fast outfielders some very high scores were made and scoring 300 was no guarantee of victory.

The battle for the league title was between Acton, winners for the three previous seasons, and Bury St Edmunds. Victory in their game against Acton in their penultimate match of the season ensured that Bury won the league for the first time, having finished runners-up in four of the last five seasons.

Woolpit finished third but never really challenged the top two. Twinstead found their first season in Division One quite tough and were relegated along with Brockley whose two concessions consigned them to bottom place.

Merlin Stamper of Woolpit made the highest individual score of 180 not out, and the best bowling was 5-14 by Brockley's Steve Fenner. Bardwell's 311-7 would normally be a contender for the highest score of the season, but it was not even the highest score in that match as they lost by 19 runs chasing Long Melford's 330-5, giving an aggregate match total of 641 runs.

The fight for the Division Two title could hardly have been closer. Neither Castle Hedingham nor Nowton lost a game

to anyone else in the division, but Castle Hedingham won the matches between them by one run and by one wicket to claim the title.

As in Division One, a score of over 300 was not enough to win the match as Worlington's 306-7 was chased down by Castle Hedingham's 309-5. An innings of 158 not out by Charlie Cook of Nowton was the top batting performance, with Nils Carter de Jong's 6-35 for Bury St Edmunds 2 the pick of the bowling.

Division Three proved to be a contest between the three teams promoted from Division Four. They finished in the same order as the previous year, with the winners being Copdock and OI 1s, second place Shotley Peninsula and third place Tendring Park, with a substantial gap to fourth place. Brettenham finished some way adrift at the bottom of the table.

Callum Woolston of Tendring Park took the batting honours both in the division and the entire league with a knock of 200 not out. Harry Charlton of Nacton produced the best bowling with 7-32.

Tendring Park scored 398-4 against Risby, in a different match from Woolston's 200. This is probably a league record score. Risby were also involved, this time on the winning side, in the game with the highest aggregate score, 518 in their fixture against Easton.

The Division Four title was also contested by the three promoted clubs. A very tight contest resulted in Brantham winning, with BT & Waldringfield in second place and

Melton St Audry's in third.

Melton St Audry's did achieve the highest score in the Division, 343-7, with a game between Bardwell 2s and BT & Waldringfield the highest aggregate score of 519. Carl Grimwood of Bardwell had the best bowling figures in the league of 7-21, and Uday Muniratnam the highest score in the division of 182.

Division Five was reduced to seven teams when Copdock withdrew mid-season. However, with no games lost to the weather there was nearly as much cricket played as in the ten-team division in 2021.

Walsham-le-Willows ran out winners, with Newmarket in second place. Stuart Lilley of Stowmarket's 163 was the highest score in the division, and both Steven Ready of Mildenhall and Joshua Newman of Haverhill recorded bowling figures of 6-14.

Newmarket's 318-6 was the highest team score and Newmarket were also involved in the highest run aggregate game, 535 against Elmswell.

The Hunts County Bats player of the month awards were won as follows:

**April/May:** Senior – M Hoadley (Long Melford); Junior – J Howland (Bury St Edmunds)

**June:** Senior – S Chapman (Edwardstone); Junior – O Clark (Hadleigh)

**July:** Senior – D Philp (Castle Hedingham); Junior – C Woolston (Tendring Park)

**August/September:** Senior – J Kelly (Bardwell); H Charlton (Nacton)

The Team of the Year was awarded to Castle Hedingham, the only team to go through the season unbeaten.

The Les Francis Trophy, given to people who give outstanding long service to their clubs, was awarded to Jane Doughty of Battisford CC.

Nowton applied to enter a second team in 2023, giving a total of 40 teams in the league. At the AGM the clubs voted to retain five divisions of eight teams, rather than go to four divisions of ten teams. To achieve this meant promoting only one team from Divisions Two, Three and Four.

This was obviously a disappointment to the clubs who finished in second place and would have been expecting to get promoted but there are inevitably winners and losers whenever a restructure takes place.

## Hunts County Bats League Tables 2022

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	NR	Pts
Bury St Edmunds	16	14	0	1	1	288
Acton	16	11	0	3	1	261
Woolpit	16	10	0	6	0	246
Long Melford	16	8	0	7	0	222
Cavendish	16	7	0	9	0	192
Bardwell	16	5	0	10	1	168
Edwardstone	14	6	0	10	0	179
Twinstead	14	2	0	13	1	114
Brockley	16	5	0	9	0	114

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	NR	Pts
Castle Hedingham	14	12	0	0	0	289
Nowton	14	10	0	2	0	259
Bury St Edmunds II	14	6	0	6	1	161
Earl Stonham	14	7	0	6	0	149
Hadleigh Academy	14	4	0	10	0	136
Worlington Academy	14	4	0	6	2	84
Tuddenham	14	3	0	9	1	90
Freston	14	3	0	10	0	92

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	NR	Pts
Copdock & OI	14	12	0	2	0	256
Shotley Peninsula	14	10	0	2	2	214
Tendring Park	14	9	0	4	0	225
Nacton	14	8	0	4	1	162
Horringer	14	5	0	9	0	145
Risby	14	4	0	9	0	145
Easton	14	3	0	10	0	100
Brettenham Park	14	1	0	12	1	64

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	NR	Pts
Brantham	14	11	0	2	1	235
BT Waldringfield	14	11	0	2	0	250
Melton St Audry's	14	9	0	2	1	194
Battisford & District	14	6	0	6	1	168
Bardwell	14	5	0	7	1	117
Old Newton	14	2	0	10	1	116
Long Melford	14	3	0	9	1	84
Milden	14	2	0	11	0	62

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	NR	Pts
Walsham-le-Willows	12	10	0	2	0	212
Newmarket	12	9	0	3	0	196
Haverhill	12	7	0	5	0	168
Mildenhall	12	5	0	6	0	154
Elveden	12	5	0	7	0	133
Stowmarket	12	4	0	8	0	128
Elmswell	12	1	0	10	0	58

### AJ SPORTS 30/30 SUFFOLK CRICKET ALLIANCE

## Felixstowe Corinthians and Ipswich Knights share title

*By ROSS STANNARD, League Chairman*

THE 2022 season saw the addition of Melton St Audry's and Ipswich Knights, to give the league eight teams.

After a very dry summer the league for the first-time saw joint winners in Felixstowe & Corinthians and newcomers Ipswich Knights, with both teams tied on 244 points.

There were some notable individual performances during the course of the season.

Lablu Rahman (IES Tigers) topped the batting averages and Harry Hitchen and Freddie Cloud, both of Felixstowe & Corinthians, averaged over 60. Samuel Binks (Yoxford) topped the bowling the averages, taking 17 wickets at 8.18 apiece. There were five-wicket hauls for Charlie Booth (St

Margarets) 5-26, Stuart Furmston (Melton St Audry's) 5-20 and Sam Gilder (F&C) 5-40.

Liam Abernethy (F&C) returned the season's best figures of 6-11, while Muhammad Naseem bowled a spell of 5-5-0-5 for Ipswich Knights.

The 2023 season will see the return of Shotley and Southwold to the Alliance.

I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work and to Jamie Burrows for running the website, as well as sorting all the fixtures and results.

If any clubs are interested in joining for 2024, please contact Rob Jones at Suffolk Cricket.



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