



Gt. Ellingham on top



In an exciting finish to the indoor U13 2014/15 competition, Gt. Ellingham lifted the trophy ending Gt. Melton's hat trick of titles. Ten teams took part in this season's competition held at Hethersett Old Hall School on Monday evenings. Gt. Melton were runners up with Topcroft third and Garboldisham fourth. A full end of season summary along with match reports of all games can be found on our dedicated zipleague pages [here](#). Pictured left Gt. Melton & Gt. Ellingham.



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Considerate call offs only please...

...Identified as the most frustrating by both coaches and players is the postponement of scheduled fixtures, particularly at short notice. We can do little about the weather, its effects having been woven into the fabric of the game for years, but cancellations for other reasons - often that of being unable to raise a team - can prove even more exasperating.

The League appreciates that, for reasons beyond anyone's control, it is not always possible to raise a side and postponement is the only option. However, it is clear that some clubs are more proactive than others in assessing their player availability ahead of matches. It is not, for instance, acceptable to text an opposition manager less than 24 hours before the game when their team, transport, pitch preparation and mentor have already been arranged.

Remember also that even if you only have six players, opposition teams might well choose to entertain you on this basis if the only other alternative would be outright cancellation. So please - if you have to call off a game, try and give as much notice as possible.



Colin's view

Fat chance if you fancy watching a little live sport on a wet Saturday afternoon and you're not a pay TV subscriber. On a recent weekend terrestrial viewers' choice was limited to horse racing or F1 racing whilst those prepared to pay extra could choose from live rugby union or league, football, cricket, golf, cycling, tennis, skiing, netball, badminton and motorcycling.

Approximately half of UK households now have some sort of pay TV but that still leaves an enormous amount who don't. With packages costing up to £600 a year it's easy to see why many have to do without. Hard also not to suspect that this must have some effect on sports participation - particularly by children with their screen led lives. More worrying is that those missing out are likely to be the less affluent whose parents are unable to afford satellite subscriptions. Administrators constantly trot out the fact that taking the Sky pound enables them to spend more on grassroots development although there's little real evidence to support this. So surely what better way is there to promote sport and ensure real diversity and equality than to have at least some of it accessible to all?

RULES

Clubs are reminded of the principal rule change for the coming season; compulsory retirement in the U11 (30 runs) & U13 (40 runs) Leagues. Despite this change being overwhelmingly rejected by players themselves, The League has agreed to trial this for a year. Please note that the rules at U15 & U17 level remain unchanged with no retirement. [See all League rules here](#).



Please try and submit results as soon as possible after the game on the [online form here](#). This is the responsibility of the home manager and should be ideally done the same evening but in all cases within 24 hours.



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