



2017 Summer Leagues Match Reports



Carnival Cup Day 3 – U11- Results

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Round 1 – Gt.Melton v Old Buckenham

Old Buckenham 83 for 2.
Gt.Melton 84 for 3 (10.5 overs)
Gt.Melton won by 5 wickets

Round 1 – Mattishall v Norwich

Norwich 72 for 7
Mattishall 73 for 3 (14.3 overs)
Mattishall won by 5 wickets

Third/fourth playoff – Old Buckenham v Norwich

Old Buckenham 133 for 7
Norwich 79 for 4
Old Buckenham won by 54 runs

Final – Gt.Melton v Mattishall

Gt.Melton 110 for 5
Mattishall 77 for 3
Gt.Melton won by 33 runs

- 1st. Gt.Melton
- 2nd. Mattishall
- 3rd. Old Buckenham
- 4th. Norwich

Many thanks to all those mentioned before and today to Steve Phoenix for presenting the certificates and medals and Gavin Barnes for providing the barbecue.

September 5th 2017



Carnival Cup Day 2 - U13

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Round 1 – Mulbarton v Lowestoft Town

Mulbarton set off at a romp in their first game against Lowestoft Town. With good starts from Patterson (17) and Puvanachandra (21) there was 76 on the board at the halfway point. From here on Lowestoft recovered some control of the game and the rate slowed before a great knock from F.Morris (26) enabled his side to regain some momentum and finish on 120 for 6.

Lowestoft's batting was heavily dependent on the expansive stroke play of Hayley (35) and when he was bowled by Macintosh only Bunn (12) and Coot (9) made any further significant contribution to the total. Lowestoft came close though and in the end fell only 16 runs short.

Round 1 – Old Buckenham v Gt.Melton

Old Buckenham were unable to take advantage of Gt.Melton's early attack which was largely too short and comprised a bumper crop of extras. This was just as well as only Muggerridge was able to make any impression with his 22, more than that of all his other team mates combined. With just eight runs scored from the last five overs, the final total of 78 was unlikely to be enough.

And so it was as Melton knocked off the required runs before the end of the twelfth over for the loss of only two wickets.

Third/fourth playoff – Old Buckenham v Lowestoft Town

Old Buckenham batted with greater consistency in this game and thanks to 41 from Muggerridge and 40 from Anderson, both retired, they set a far more testing target of 138 for Lowestoft, the highest of the day.

Lowestoft were unable to generate any real impetus in their reply and were well behind the rate almost from the off. This was a daunting total to chase and as the innings progressed it seemed further away than ever. In the end their total of 95 for 4 was a decent effort against a seemingly rejuvenated side.

Final – Mulbarton v Gt.Melton

It was Patterson (29) and Puvanachandra (23) who again provided the perfect platform for Mulbarton's innings adding 65 for the first wicket. Both dismissed in the seventh over, Melton must have been glad to see the back of these two. From here on the rate slowed as the bowlers clawed back the initiative restricting Mulbarton to 10 runs off their final four overs and a closing score of 114.

Melton certainly batted sensibly with real consistency but struggled to find the boundary; their total comprising almost entirely singles and twos. There were well crafted innings from Buxton (17), Rushton (18) and Johnston (19) but none were able to go on and the rate required slowly drifted upwards. With four overs remaining, 37 were still required. The frustration intensified as every shot seemed to go straight to a fielder with the boundary remaining as elusive as ever and Mulbarton's distinctively modest total proved good enough to win the game by fourteen runs ending a great final watched by a large and appreciative crowd.

1st Mulbarton
2nd Gt.Melton
3rd Old Buckenham
4th Lowestoft Town

Many thanks again to Garboldisham CC, coaches, managers, teams and parents and also to Graham Lincoln of RCP, our principal sponsor, who was on hand to dispense a few kind words and present the trophies and certificates to the players.

August 31st 2017

JH



Carnival Cup Day 1 – U15 [See pics in our gallery here](#)

There was cricket of the highest standard on offer. Played in warm weather amidst glorious surroundings the day ultimately belonged to Norwich. Their discipline, commitment and all round performances along with solid batting, scoring at more than ten an over, proved too strong for their opponents.

Old Buckenham, with several young players, were runners up while Thetford's performance demonstrated the improvement in their youth development programme. Tas' presence at any event is always guaranteed to lift the spirit with their optimistic outlook and determination regardless of whether they win or lose.

Well done everyone.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this first day; Garboldisham CC (particularly Peter Barnes), coaches, parents, umpires and also to Richard Jefferson who presented the trophies and certificates at the end of the day.

First round - Old Buckenham v Hethersett & Tas Valley
Old Buckenham 141 for 1
Hethersett & Tas Valley 136 for 5
Old Buckenham won by 5 runs

First round – Norwich v Thetford
Norwich 180 for 0
Thetford 135 for 2
Norwich won by 45 runs

Third/fourth playoff
Hethersett & Tas Valley 122 for 6
Thetford 124 for 2
Thetford won by 5 wickets

Final - Indecipherable scorebook!
Norwich 179

Old Buckenham 131
Norwich won by 48 runs

1st. Norwich
2nd. Old Buckenham
3rd. Thetford
4th. Hethersett & Tas Valley

August 30th 2017

JH



U13 Gt.Melton v Mulbarton

Great Melton U13s followed the U11s Terry Moore Trophy Victory earlier in the day, by beating Mulbarton to finish runners-up in the South Norfolk League South Breckland Division and thus qualify to play in the Carnival Cup Cup at Garboldisham next Thursday 30th August with winners Old Buckenham and Whetman Division top two, Lowestoft and Horsford.

Captained by Ethan Rushton, Melton lost the toss and were invited to bat. With Henry Bugg & Henry Marsh agreeing to field for 7-man Mulbarton who also had one player delayed, the match had a friendly end-of-season air about it, but it wasn't quite so friendly when Marsh produced an accurate throw to run out Nat Buxton without facing a ball in the first over! Rushton (21) and Ben Johnson (8) produced some goods shots to launch a recovery adding 36 before Rushton was bowled by Johnny Taylor. Johnson followed soon after, also bowled, but Corey Rushton (16), Joseph Graves (28) and Mohit Badimela (15 not out) produced some impressive shots to ensure Melton reached exactly 100. The late-arrival, Rob McIntosh (1-21), impressed with a speedy spell of 3-0-13-2 but Freddie Patterson (3-0-11-0) also bowled well and Mulbarton's fielding was good.

Any hope the visitors had of reaching three figures was blown away by Ben Johnson who produced a one-man show in the space of 3 overs that saw four batsmen dismissed. Bowling with pace and precision Johnson clean-bowled Puvanachandra (0), Stuart-Sheppard (0) and Patterson (8) in the space of 5 balls then produced a superb throw to run out dangerman McIntosh for 7. Johnny Taylor (20) took the attack to Melton for a while before being well-caught by Graves off Ethan Rushton who wrapped things up with the wicket of Weston as Mulbarton were dismissed for 56. Johnson's final figures were 2-0-11-3 and Rushton's 2-0-7-2 but Bugg (0-4), Marsh (0-5), Graves (0-15) and Corey Rushton (0-12) all bowled well.

August 23rd 2017

Steve Phoenix



U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Norwich

A good competitive match with a good deal of skill on display from both sides. Norwich won the toss and batted first setting a competitive target with good contributions from Jack Lovick (28*) and Ben Stuart-Miles (32*). Norwich finished on 111 for 4.

The best of the Tas bowlers was Jack Gibson 2-12 from 3 overs.

In reply Tas really struggled with the light and especially in the face of fast and accurate bowling from Bowman (1-22) and Lovick (1-12). Top batsmen were Tom Howard (17) bowled Bowman, and Jack Gibson (37) bowled Lovick ct Bowman. The required run rate was already proving a challenge and once these two had been winkled out the scoring slowed. There were lots of quick singles and a couple of boundaries still to come but Tas just couldn't score well enough and finished on 100-5, 10 runs short in the end.

August 23rd 2017

Sara Worley



U15 Gt.Melton v Mattishall

The U15s concluded their season with a final over victory over Mattishall at Melton Park.

Skipper Josh Wright maintained his 0% record of winning the toss and Mattishall chose to bat in the better light. Melton's bowlers served up a mixed performance with plenty of effort and some good deliveries. However, Mattishall opener Charlie Dickerson was scoring freely off anything loose. Josh Wright (3-0-8-2) brought himself on in the 5th over and removed opener Jamie Wilson caught by Sam Nutt and then bowling Trent Stoltz through the gate. This brought Matthew Braybrook, an U9 player, in to partner Dickerson through to his retirement on 50. Braybrook assisted by a generous sprinkling of wides and no balls saw Mattishall to a total of 102-2

Melton's chase was a steady affair – never less than 5 runs an over though only one over reaching 10 runs. Five players Atticus Evans-Lombe (20), James Bridges(23*), Josh Wright(12), Nat Buxton (11) and Tim Nutt(11) reached double figures in the ever reducing light. It looked as though Melton would score the runs provided the wickets didn't run out first. James paced his innings well and a 35 run partnership with Tim Nutt took Melton to the verge of victory which was sealed from the first ball of the final over. A total of 103-5 for a 2 wicket win.

August 23rd 2017

Clive Gristwood



U15 Norwich v Gt.Melton

The U15s followed up a last ball victory at Hethersett & Tas Valley with an equally thrilling last ball defeat at Norwich. However, cricket was really the winner with both sides given a standing ovation off the field at the end.

Norwich won the toss and chose to bat in the better light early on. After the early loss of Ollie White to Ben Johnson's (3-0-19-1) first delivery, Will Bowman and Alex Durrant steadied the innings early on and then accelerated for a partnership of 68 from 10 overs. Cameron Graveling (3-1-18-1) accounted for Alex Durrant though the impressive Will Bowman powered on to complete his 54th with a 6 over long on. The Melton bowling was generally accurate with only 3 wides and 1 no ball bowled, only 1 bye was conceded by Oli Leinster and the fielding was enthusiastic which kept the Norwich total to 106-2.

Kai Wilkinson-Loines(3) and Atticus Evans-Lombe (51) started with the urgency of running between the wickets that was required taking 21 from the first 3 overs. A miss-timed pull to square leg accounted for Kai and Cameron Graveling(1) was bowled by Conner Peters soon after. This brought Josh Wright (20) to the wicket and despite accurate quick bowling from Will Bowman (3-0-12-0), Josh and Atticus added 61 runs in just over 7 overs with running between the wickets that really put pressure on the fielding side. With 18 needed from just under 4 overs a Melton victory seemed likely. However, Max Brister trapped Josh lbw and this triggered a clatter of wickets as each batsmen tried to give Atticus the strike. Atticus powered a straight drive for his sixth boundary to bring up his 50. Fading light was causing difficulty for the keeper and byes kept Melton in the hunt until Atticus was left with 4 required from the last ball from Luc Brister (3-0-14-3). An uppish pull to mid-wicket was caught by Ben Stewart-Miles to win the match for Norwich by 3 runs.

August 19th 2017

Clive Gristwood



U13 Gt.Ellingham v Gt.Melton

Two days after their last gasp defeat at Old Buckenham, Great Melton U13s returned to winning ways at Great Ellingham. Winning the toss and electing to bat, Melton gave an opportunity to several players who had not had much chance to wield the willow and Harry Ryan, Henry Bugg, Mohit Badimela and Alfie Sutton were all pushed up the order. Unfortunately the ploy seemed to backfire as Amber Thompson and Megan Grant showed their version of "girl power", removing Ryan (2), Bugg (1), caught by Thompson off Dominic Mayne, and Johnson (8) to reduce Melton to 20-3. Badimela and Sutton then played sensibly in a partnership of 47 before the former was caught for 11. Joseph Graves then joined Sutton for a brief cameo, hitting a six and two fours in a quick 15 before Ethan Rushton (5 not out) saw the score to 91-5 off 16 overs. Sutton was unbeaten at the end on 19. Grant (1-6), Thompson (1-7) and Aaron Draper (1-9) were Ellingham's best bowlers as Mayne's 2 wickets came at the cost of 31 runs.

The U13s leading run scorer and skipper, Lohit Kannan, did not get to bat but his 3 wickets for 8 runs off 3 overs ensured Ellingham wouldn't get close to Melton's total. There were two wickets for Rushton (2-9) and one for Ryan

(1-8) while Groves (2-1-2-0) bowled very well without much luck. Badimela and Sutton took good catches and Ben Johnson did very well as wicketkeeper, only conceding 5 byes as Ellingham finished on 65-6. Megan Grant batted well for her unbeaten 13 but, once again, Melton gave away far too many 'extras', 35 – most of them wides or no-balls – which made Johnson's efforts behind the stumps even more praiseworthy.

August 18th 2017

Steve Phoenix



U13 Old Buckenham v Gt.Melton

Great Melton U13s lost their top-of-the-table clash with Old Buckenham and, with it, the chance to win the South Norfolk Community League. As befitting a game involving two unbeaten sides it was a closely contested affair with the result in doubt until the final over but an excellent innings by Nathan Muggeridge plus a less technical but more aggressive knock from Tom Anderson just edged things in favour of Old Buckenham.

Having won the toss and elected to bat, Melton skipper Lohit Kannan and Joseph Graves made a confident start with Lohit hitting 25 before being caught and bowled. Ben Fletcher hit a quick 13 that included a six and a four and Graves was eventually dismissed for 12, both caught behind, but Harry Ryan (6 not out) and, in particular, Ben Johnson played well to push the score to 105-3 off 16 overs. Johnson was unbeaten on 23 at the end.

Johnson then struck with the ball, dismissing Reagan Meares for nought in his first over. With Joseph Graves then bowling Bucks skipper Finbar Morrison for 1, Melton very much had the upper hand. Muggeridge and Anderson were quick to punish any stray deliveries, though, and with the 'extras' column boosted by a few too many byes and wides, Old Buckenham always retained a chance of victory. Mohit Badimela took the pace off the ball to bowl a tight penultimate over and when, first Anderson (33) and then Muggeridge (31) were forced to retire with only a handful of runs needed and just the last over to be bowled, Melton were probably still favourites to win. However, more extras and well-struck four from Fergus Morrison gave the home side a last-gasp victory.

Johnson (3-1-11-1) bowled well and was undoubtedly Melton's man-of-the-match but Henry Bugg only conceded 5 runs in his 2 overs. In the end the result hinged on Melton's inability to remove either Anderson or Muggeridge and the concession of too many extras, especially byes. With two games left, against Great Ellingham tonight (Thursday 17th) and Mulbarton next Tuesday (22nd), Melton now need two wins to finish runners-up and earn an invitation to the SNCL Carnival Cup Finals Day.

August 17th 2017

Steve Phoenix



U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Mattishall

This fixture was finally played at the 3rd time of trying. Mattishall, short of some regular players and fielding a number of under 11s and under 13s in their squad were always going to find it tricky going but gave it a good shot against a good Tas side. Credit to Mattishall for getting the game on!

Batting first, the Mattishall openers of Dickerson and Wilson started strongly, punishing the Tas opening bowlers with some fine stroke play. Racing away they were 24 for no loss from only 3 overs. The breakthrough came in the 3rd over when Wilson (6) was caught behind Amis bowled Birch. Under 11 Trent Stoltz joined Dickerson and together they pushed the score on before Stoltz was bowled by Howard in the 7th over 43-2. The bowling partnership of Gibson (3 overs 1 maiden, 1 for 8) and Howard (3 overs, 1 maiden, 3 for 11) unsettled the batsmen, and claimed the important wicket of Dickerson (38) caught Gibson bowled Howard. From that point Mattishall struggled without their recognised batsmen but Braybrook (8*), Dye (1) and Court (4) gamely helped to push on the score until the final wicket fell in the 14th over. Mattishall all out 69.

With the ball Mattishall had a great start, Dickerson taking the wicket of Amis with the opening delivery. Jack Gibson batting at 3 joined Senuja Jayakody and together they pushed the score on, Jack exhibiting some lovely touches scoring several well-directed 4s along the way. With the score at 40-1 Senuja was bowled by Wilson in the 4th over. Tom Howard (7) helped take the score on to 53 before he unluckily deflected a leg-side ball with his foot onto the stumps. In the gloom, Ben Harvey (3*) joined Jack (42*) and they batted sensibly against some very tricky and accurate bowling to bring the game home safely in the 12th over with a 4. Tas finished on 72-3.

August 16th 2017

Sara Worley



U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Acle

Unbelievably, despite the forecast and the torrential rain elsewhere in the county Tas stayed dry all day to allow this twice-postponed match to finally take place.

Tas won the toss and opted to field first. The first wicket came from some quick work by Ben Harvey throwing to Cam Amis behind the stumps to run out Higgins for 1 in the 2nd over. However some uncharacteristically loose bowling quickly left Tas struggling on 48-1 after only 5 overs. Tom Howard (3 overs 2-10) was the pick of the Tas bowlers and his wickets disrupted the Acle middle order restoring some control and at 12 overs Acle were 79 for 4. With Nathan Shaw (34) now in at no. 6 he and Calvert (15*) set about maximising runs from the last 4 overs and added 45 with some great boundaries including two 6's from Shaw to leave Acle on 124 for 5 with Shaw caught by Gibson on the penultimate ball going for another boundary.

Tas were facing an uphill task in the failing light and against some fine bowling to chase down a good score but Jack Gibson and Tom Howard started determinedly. However in the 3rd over Littlewood struck, bowling Howard for 11. With Tas on 18-1 Cam Amis (3) joined Jack and kept up the required pressure before being bowled by Calvert. With Tas now on 37-2 from 5, Ben Harvey joined Jack and the pair were looking strong, hitting boundaries and scoring well before Shaw trapped Jack on LBW on 26.

With the score still only at 48 for 3, Senuja Jayakody and Ben Harvey did the maths and knew they had to score 9 an over from this point to stand any chance of snatching a win. This was always going to be tricky as the Acle bowlers had the bit firmly between their teeth and weren't going to make it easy.

The Tas pair maximised their chances and gamely pushed the score on, taking 2's wherever possible and with the odd boundary too the score reached 84 from 12 when Senuja (10) was caught. Hal Worley joined Ben and together they tried to keep up the pace. Hal was caught (2) in the 14th over with the score on 98 and only 2 overs remaining. Alex Bird (10*) kept up the momentum and he and Ben (26*) continued to push the score on but with 27 still required it was always going to be tricky. Helped by a couple of wides and a no ball in the penultimate over there was still a chance and the pair didn't give up. Going into the final over though 15 was still needed for a win. Opening bowler Gray didn't oblige though and successfully stifled Tas' scoring leaving Tas 8 short in the end. A good attempt by Tas but it wasn't to be this time.

Well played to both teams.

August 9th 2017

Sara Worley



U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Gt.Melton

Josh Wright skippered the U15s to a close fought victory at Hethersett & Tas Valley.

Great Melton were invited to bat first on a strip with little boundary on the far side and a huge acreage to protect on the pavilion side. James Bridges (8) cut the first ball of the match for 4 immediately showing that pitching the ball up was going to pay on this wicket. Kai Wilkinson-Loines(47*) also played several fines strokes square of the wicket on both sides in another quality knock to add to his strong season. Kai was joined by debutant Atticus Evans-Lombe (21) in the 5th over. Atticus introduced himself with 2 sumptuous off drives that had umpire Mally Howard purring (If Mally purrs!) and the pair added 55 in 7 overs. Skipper Josh Wright(15*) joined Kai for the final 19 balls of the innings and 34 runs were added including a pulled 6 from Josh.

The total of 121-2 looked good though it was a big field to defend with 8 players.

T Howard and J Gibson opened for Tas and it began to look as if 121 was well below par as they added 36 from the first 4 overs. Josh brought himself on and found the full length bowling required inducing an edge through to keeper Kai by Howard for a brisk 21. Gibson was joined by Ben Way and they added 39 in 5 overs to put Tas on 86 after 10 overs. Only 36 runs required off the last 6 overs.

However, Josh introduced the bowlers who were getting the full length and slower pace required on this wicket. Backed by tenacious fielding from the whole team, Atticus (1-0-4-0), Caitlin Ellis (3-0-21-0) and the match winning

spell of Jack Gormon (3-0-11-2) brought about a tense victory as Leo Sargeant was bowled trying to hit a 6 off the last ball of the match.

This was a good game of U15s cricket played in a competitive though friendly atmosphere.

August 4th 2017

Clive Gristwood



U9 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Topcroft

Another game played in brilliant high spirits, thank you to Topcroft for being understanding and lending Tas an extra player in the field to allow the game to be played.

It was a convincing win for Topcroft with Kieron bowling 3 overs for 3 runs while taking 2 wickets, some excellent figures. Topcroft took 7 wickets, with 5 of the players sharing them around, and kept their field tight stopping most of the Tas singles. Tas posted a respectable score of 133 before the reduction of wickets, with Ollie Last scoring 5.

After a short break in the sun the game restarted with Tas bowling. The pick of the Tas figures game from Alex Sission who bowled 2 overs for 5 runs, taking a wicket in the process. A mention to Ollie last (3 overs, 11 runs, 1 wicket) and Tyler Woodruff (3 overs, 13 runs, 1 maiden) for their good bowling also. Topcroft had a slow start in bat, but when they got going there were plenty of boundaries from Brodie (12 Not Out) and James (14 Not Out). All of Topcroft's batsmen looked confident and had a great eye of when to run, and communicated well with each other. Tas' field was nice and tight with some great stops, especially from Kasey and Will.

All round it was another enjoyable Sunday morning of cricket, thank you to Topcroft for coming over and playing in such good spirits.

July 31st 2017

Ben Woodruff (Hethersett and Tas Valley CC)



U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Norwich A

In only their 2nd U15 game of the season, Tas lost the toss and were put into bat. Good accurate bowling and excellent fielding on the boundary from Norwich A stifled the scoring in the opening overs restricting the Tas openers to singles. Jack Gibson came in at no 3 following the dismissal of Senuja Jayakody (3) by Buzz Kemp and he and opener Tom Howard set about crafting the majority of the Tas runs, taking the score from 12-1 in the 4th over to 61 for 2 in the 12th when Tom Howard was caught by N Whitty from Jack Sandall on 24. Jack Gibson was caught the following over by McLean, bowled N Whitty for 30. Tas 66 for 3 from 13. Isaac Birch (8*) and Hal Worley (2*) withstood the attack in the final 3 overs and the Tas innings closed on 82 for 3.

Norwich A started strongly and had reached 13 from the first 2 overs thanks to a couple of 4's from openers James Sandall and M Whitty. The breakthrough for Tas came in the 4th over, Sandall ct Jayakody, bowled Lucy Morton, Ben Stewart-Miles joined Whitty and they stabilised the innings for a while but very good Tas bowling restricted the scoring. With the score only on 18, Jack Gibson bowled M Whitty (8) to leave Norwich 18-2 from 6. Toby Allen fell quite quickly (1) and Kian McLean joined Ben S-M and steadied the ship for a while adding a further 32 runs by over 11. But with so much still to do and the overs running out, Norwich had no choice but to start to hit out. First to go (in a triple wicket maiden from Tom Howard) was Kian (14) caught Morton, next ball Ben S-M (14) caught Worley and finally N Whitty (caught Morton). With the score on 52 for 6 from 12, Buzz Kemp and Jack Sandall gamely took the game to Tas taking the score to 66 before Tom Howard (4 for 9) bowled Jack Sandall in the 14th over.

A great Tas win but with very good bowling performances from both sides.

July 22nd 2017

Sara Worley

U13 Rocklands v Mulbarton [See pic in our gallery here](#)

Rocklands CC beat Mulbarton in an extremely exciting finish that went down to the final ball.

Mulbarton put in by Rocklands made a slow start losing both Paterson (8) and G.Morris (7) by the end of the fourth over. With Burton (3) also despatched cheaply and the score only on 37 a worryingly low total looked possible. But a dogged innings by F.Morris (19) well supported at the end by Johns (12no) and bolstered by a generous portion of extras, despite Rocklands' generally excellent attack, enabled the visitors to finish on 87. Crosthwaite and Bridges garnered a brace of wickets apiece with Barlow weighing in with the other.

Rocklands set off briskly to chase down Mulbarton's modest target adding 48 before F.Morris accounted for the dangerous Crosthwaite (25) in the seventh over. But with only 40 required Mulbarton wrested back the initiative accounting for both Bridges (15) and Furniss (1) as the rate mounted. As the end of the game approached increasingly desperate tactics were adopted by Rocklands and there were several very close run out decisions as Barlow (7no) and Coates (17no) bore down on Mulbarton's total. In the end it came down to the last ball with one for a tie and two for a win as Rocklands scrambled the second run to end an enormously entertaining game.

F.Morris, Lambert and Lee all collected a wicket but the best for Mulbarton was U11 Nanayakkara who delivered his three overs at the tail end of the game for just seven runs.

July 19th 2017

Joe Harris

U17 Norwich v Hethersett & Tas Valley

On a warm humid morning we entertained Hethersett at Postwick to squeeze in the required 3rd match for both teams, thank you to Hethersett for being able to arrange a team.

All present witnessed another good game of youth cricket, with commitment, technical ability and most importantly two teams who enjoyed being a team and playing with smiles on their faces.

We were able to edge this game after some very good batting from George, Harvey at the top of the innings was supported by Freddy Mathew and Nathan. Hethersett played their part with all players fully committed in the field, helping them to keep the total to 134.

Norwich started just as well with the ball as we had with bat and a wicket second ball to Connor was taken well by Harvey. Hethersett Cooper and Scamel then started to ask questions of Norwich, as they first played themselves in before looking to take full advantage of any loose deliveries. S Woodrough then joined Cooper and continued to test Norwich resolve. Some good overs by Nathan and Mathew and a great boundary catch by Connor off Luc's bowling pulled things back and Freddy confirmed the result by coming on to bowl 2 overs for 3 runs, picking up 3 wickets with some unplayable deliveries creating the opportunity for quick hands Lake to make 2 stumpings.

A really nice way to spend a Sunday morning, credit to both teams.

July 17th 2017

Anon

U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Garboldisham

This was a very close match which came down to the very last ball of the innings. Tas batted first and openers Harrison and Jacob found it hard work to score with the bat in the face of some very accurate bowling but excelled at taking extras. Jacob trying hard to score with the bat was caught at square leg. Aidan came in next only to also be caught the very next innings. James Wright (14*) joined Harrison and they continued the great running between the wicket. Harrison was looking very comfortable but then missed a low-bouncing ball and was bowled by Murphy. He only scored 19 but his great running of extras probably added double that to his team's score. The Tas innings finished on 90-4, captain Harrison Winship top scoring for Tas with 19. Pick of the bowlers was D Starling 4-1 and Daniel Worby 5-1.

In reply Tas started really well, with Jacob Cogle-Hibbert taking the wicket of Hendrie in his opening over. Garby were 4-1. Daniel Worby joined Dylan Starling at the crease and together they set about scoring the runs needed. They struck numerous 4's and before long were well within sight of the 90 required. Some accurate bowling and great keeping by Harry Leek meant that there were few extras though and the pressure was on Garby to score the remaining runs with the bat.

Into the final over with 8 still needed to win, Harrison held his nerve bowling great line, length and pace. 2 dot balls were followed though with an edge from Zac which raced for 4. With 4 still needed to win from 3 balls, 2 more dots meant that 4 was still required from the last ball. Another great ball from Harrison but Zac managed to get his bat on it and it raced towards the boundary. Unluckily for him it was going up the slope and stopped just short of the boundary and a quick throw in restricted the batsmen to 2 runs.

So, a very exciting finish and a win for Tas by the narrowest of margins - Garby short by just 1 run finishing on 89-1.

July 11th 2017

Sara Worley



U11 Mulbarton v Brooke [See pic in our gallery here](#)

On another superb summer morning, a young Mulbarton U11 team took on league leaders Brooke at Orchard Park. Brooke batted first with both openers Joseph Holmes and Sam Hancock having to retire having made 30 not out. Despite this the Mulbarton bowling and fielding was excellent. However, performance of the day came from Billy Lambert who also captained the side for the first time. His figures were 3 overs, 2 maidens, 5 wickets for 4 runs! Brooke made 95 for 5.

Missing several of their best batsmen, Mulbarton struggled against a very good Brooke bowling attack. Josh Rodwell took 4 wickets from 2 maiden overs! Mulbarton were all out for 20 runs after 9.1 overs. Brooke won by 75 runs.

July 11th 2017

Martin Phillips



U11 Gt.Melton v Gt.Ellingham

Great Melton, skippered for the first time by H.Cunningham, won the toss and elected to bat. C.Rushton and debutant L.Burkett opened the batting and took the score to 54 from 5 overs before C.Rushton retired on 31 not out. H. Cunningham joined Burkett at the crease and the batsmen continued to score freely before Burkett was bowled by Daniel for 7. L. Armstrong-Brown (30*) and Cunningham (30*) both retired leaving N.Moore (0); H.Cheal (5*); J.Cooper (1) and E.Ellis (9*) to take the score to 155/3. Some accurate straight bowling by Great Ellingham, wickets for Daniel and Kyle and a run out were some of the many positives the improving Ellingham side could take from the match.

Great Melton looked buoyant in the field with a hatrick from L. Armstrong-Brown (3-1) and wickets from H.Cheal (1-2); C.Rushton (1-6); J.Cooper (1-12); and E.Ellis (1-8). Great Ellingham's top scorer was Kyle (7).

July 9th 2017

Maxine Rushton



U15 Mulbarton v Hethersett & Tas Valley [See pic in our gallery here](#)

Tas Valley U15s, playing their first match of the season at Orchard Park. batted first. Mulbarton bowled very well but were up against confident Tas opening batsmen. Bobby Stuart-Sheppard got the breakthrough catching J Gibson for 29 off his own bowling. Matthew Burton kept things tight and was rewarded with a wicket. Cameron Amis, who was

a Mulbarton player until this season, was looking comfortable until bowled by Rehmat Bokhari. Rehmat bowled very accurately and also took 2 further wickets. Opening batsman Tom Howard, also a former Mulbarton player, carried his bat scoring 38 not out. Arjuna Puvanachandra did a fine job behind the stumps with only 2 byes in the innings. There were also 3 good catches in the field and a run out. Tas Valley finished on 106 for 6 off their 16 overs.

Unfortunately Mulbarton struggled to score against a very good Tas bowling attack. Kyran Foster and Arjuna Puvanachandra started well but both were caught. Bobby Stuart-Sheppard batted sensibly and remained not out at the end of the innings. Mulbarton were also handicapped with one player unable to play at short notice. Tas Valley bowled and fielded extremely well. Mulbarton made 30 for 6 (all out) in 9.3 overs.

Tas Valley won by 76 runs.

July 9th 2017

Martin Phillips



U13 Mulbarton v Norwich

Norwich won the toss and elected to bat. Their openers Max Brister and Angus batted fluently until Angus was bowled by a cheeky change of pace by Bobby Stuart-Sheppard for 9. Angus continued to bat almost the entire innings scoring 30 before also being bowled. Tight bowling by Rehmat Bokhari (2 overs for 5 runs), Arjuna Puvanachandra (2 overs for 3 runs), Robert Mackintosh (3 overs, 2 wickets for 7 runs) and Tom Weston (2 overs, 1 wicket for 9 runs) kept the Norwich score down to only 72. Sharp fielding by Matthew Burton enabled a good run out and George Morris was on fire behind the stumps with a quick stumping and helping with two run outs.

Mulbarton set about overhauling the target at a rapid rate and in fact their openers Arjuna Puvanachandra (22 not out) and Freddie Paterson (19 not out) made light work of the run chase (73) finishing in just over 8 overs without losing a wicket.

July 6th 2017

Narman Puvanachandra



U11 Horsford v Mulbarton [See pic in our gallery here](#)

On a lovely sunny day for cricket, Horsford batted first. Diminutive 8 year old opening bat JC Malherbe hit his first ball to the mid-wicket boundary. He then repeated the feat another 5 times and very quickly had to retire having reached 30 not out. Well batted young man! Cameron Appleby bowled the other opener out in his second over. Despite some excellent batting from the home team, Mulbarton produced their best fielding performance of the season to date. Haruja Nanayakkara, Naraen Prabhakar and Billy Lambert all bowled very tidily; Hiruja and Billy bowling a maiden over each. James Lee performed excellently with the gloves letting through only one bye. Fielding performance of the day goes to Thomas Coman who produced an amazing dive on the boundary rope to prevent a four. He then bowled 2 very accurate overs for just 4 runs and bowled out the Horsford No 3 bat. Horsford made 110 for 2.

Mulbarton openers James Lee and Billy Lambert looked comfortable and were scoring at a good rate until Billy missed a straight ball and was bowled. Naraen Prabhakar announced his arrival at the crease by hitting his first ball to the boundary. Naraen was on fire hitting another 5 fours before having to retire 30 not out. Fantastic batting Naraen! James was also coming out of his shell. It was great to see James taking lots of quick singles as a result of early assertive calling. James also got a taste for hitting fours, hitting 4 boundaries in his 22 not out. After Hiruja unfortunately ran himself out, Elijah Jackson came in to finish the job with James. Mulbarton scored 112 for 2 with 2 overs to spare. Mulbarton won by 5 wickets.

July 3rd 2017

Martin Phillips



U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Old Buckenham

Old Buck's strong batting line up gave them a great start with both openers, Nathan M and captain Malachi both retiring on 31. Tas managed a couple of wickets in the final 2 overs with one each for Menuka Jayakody and James Ellis. Old Buck ended on 128-2.

The Tas reply got off to a disastrous start when opener Menuka was bowled by Nathan M on the 3rd ball of the first over for 0. Nathan proceeded to take the wicket of No 3 Noam in the 3rd over with Tas 2-2. Knowing that runs were needed, Tas tried to push on only for a couple of bad run decisions to result in 2 more wickets. It wasn't until Barney came in to join James W that they settled a little to the task and added some much needed runs. It was always going to be an uphill struggle but Barney added 11 before being bowled by Ria. Oscar joined James W for the final 3 balls which he saw out safely. Tas finished well short of the mark on 75 for 6. Best batting for Tas was James W who finished on 16 not out. Nathan M had the best figures for OBCC with 2-2.

July 2nd 2017

Sara Worley



U11 Acle v Mulbarton [See pic in our gallery here](#)

Mulbarton captain Hiruja Nanayakkara won the toss and put Acle in to bat. Opening batsman, bowler and captain J Shore led the team extremely competently scoring 6 boundaries before having to retire on 33. His opening partner E Humme played a more patient innings but also had to retire on 31. The Mulbarton bowling was fairly accurate but the batsmen found the gaps in the field and benefited from a lightning fast outfield. James Lee performed well behind the stumps. Hiruja, Naraen Prabhakar, Billy Lambert and Morgan Powell all bowled well. Hiruja took an excellent catch at backward point off Naraen's bowling. Some sharp fielding resulting in a run out. Acle finished on 105 for 2.

Having given a few too many runs away in the field the pressure was on the Mulbarton batsmen. Unfortunately in his eagerness Billy ran himself out early on. James Lee also opened the batting and coped admirably with the fast bowling of the Acle captain. He then accumulated runs steadily before falling for 16 runs. Star batsman of the day was Hiruja who played some great shots for his 20 not out. Unfortunately Mulbarton kept finding the fielders rather than the boundary which was the difference between the teams. Mulbarton reached a very creditable 88 for 5. Acle won by 17 runs.

June 26th 2017

Martin Phillips



U15 Hardingham v Bradenham

This game was a close and exciting game played in a fantastic spirit.

Hardingham batted first Sam Palmer opened and batted for 15.5 overs for 42 with Johnny Hall having to face the last ball on his debut for Hardingham. Some nice bowling by Bradenham with Lewis Watts opening their bowling with a maiden over and ending his 3 overs 2-12 with C Lake taking the other wicket and a wonderful direct hit run out by J Taylor.

Bradenham had 78 to chase with Will Foster opening the bowling for Hardingham and taking a wicket with his first ball of the match. Some sensible batting by J Watts and L Watts steadied their innings and they chased the 78 down in 15.3 overs. A really close match well played by all.

June 25th 2017

Anon



U15 Mulbarton v Mattishall

[See pic in our gallery here](#)

At long last Mulbarton U15s played their first match of the season at home to Mattishall. Mattishall batted first and got away to a fast start thanks to some bludgeoning of the ball to all corners of Orchard Park by C Dickerson until he had to retire at 52 not out. Well batted! The award for best bit of skill of the day goes to Kyran Foster for a truly unbelievable and nonchalant one handed catch at mid-wicket to a big hit from J Wilson. Pick of the bowlers was late call up Rachael Phillips who took a wicket and was the most economical. Mattishall posted 128 for 4.

Mulbarton's innings could not have got off to a worse start. C Dickinson continued to dominate the match by taking 3 wickets in the first over. It was therefore very pleasing to see a very mature and skillful batting display from Freddie Paterson who stuck around for most the innings until he was out right at the end for an excellent 26. He was ably assisted by Rachael Phillips who hitting some fine leg side shots to finish 17 not out. Mulbarton finished on 68 for 4. Mattishall won by 60 runs.

My thanks to the Mattishall coach and team for a good spirited encounter.

June 22nd 2017

Martin Phillips - Mulbarton



U11 Saham Toney v Hethersett & Tas Valley

[See pic in our gallery here](#)

Hethersett ran out victors by 37 runs with Harrison top scoring with a excellent 20 not out to help post 96 for 2. Saham unfortunately giving away 58 extras. Hethersett bowlers were much more disciplined and despite a quick start Saham lost regular wickets and fell well short. George Mower top scoring with 11 for Saham and J Ellis was the pick of the away sides bowlers taking 2 for 7.

Simon - Saham Toney

Great performance from Tas U11s (including 2 guest U9s - Alfie and Ollie!) who this morning beat Saham Toney in a very hot 30 degrees!

Captain Harrison won the toss and sensibly elected to bat. Aidan and Jacob opened and started strongly, with good calling and running between the wickets.

Unfortunately in the second over Jacob who had been looking dangerous was bowled (2) by a ball which stayed a little low. 7-1. Harrison joined Aidan and together they had pushed the score on to 67 when in the 12th over Aidan was sadly run out on 12. James E came in at 4 and he and Harrison kept the scoreboard ticking along nicely with some good aggressive shots and running on extras to finish our innings on 97-2 with Harrison 20* and James 4*.

Saham Toney in reply came out swinging and batted aggressively against our opening bowlers Jacob and Alfie. With the help of some strong batting and a few early wides and byes the Saham score had rocketed to 33 when in the very last ball of Jacob's 2nd over the breakthrough came as Alfie took a fantastic flying catch to dismiss one of the danger men! 33-1 from 3. Fresh from his catch, Alfie opened the next over by clean bowling the other opener. On a hat trick, Alfie came in again but Saham sadly smashed this ball for 4 to spoil the party.

However 39-2 feels far better than 33 without loss only an over previously and the bit was now firmly between Tas' teeth. Aidan in his first over was, as ever, very accurate, posing problems for the new batsman. James E joined him in the attack and together their next 4 overs resulted in only 10 runs and 3 wickets (Aidan bowling George the Saham captain and top scorer) and James E a lovely ball clean bowling the Saham WK followed by a run out. 51-5.

In over 9 Ollie came on, bowling with good line and pace and was rewarded with a wicket. 53-6. Harry L was next on and after initially struggling a little with his line got it back on track to nab the final wicket to end the game with Saham finishing on 59 all out.

A great team performance from the boys. Special mention to Harrison for his unbeaten 20 and to Alfie, the smallest player on the pitch, for his flying catch which halted the dangerous momentum that Saham had started to gather. With the ball, everyone played their part with 7 wickets shared between all 6 bowlers. Plus, our extras total was the lowest of the season to date.

Well played everyone."

June 21st 2017



U15 Thetford v Garboldisham

Thetford u15s entertained Garboldisham at Lunsford road on a glorious evening. Thetford won the toss and inserted Garby in on a lovely batting track. Garby were soon in trouble when Baulch picked up a wicket in the 1st over. But a decent partnership soon had Garby 65 for 1. Z. Wilson then picked up a couple of wickets as Thetford began to take control again. Clark and Simpson got a wicket a piece as Garby finished on 104.

Thetford innings began well with Newey and Simpson putting away the bad ball. Both fell after being well set leaving Wilson and Baulch to see Thetford home.

A very solid display with the bat and well played to Garboldisham on the evening too.

June 20th 2017

Craig Baulch - Thetford



U9 Mattishall v Thetford

On a beautiful Sunday morning, Mattishall hosted Thetford in a very friendly encounter. Players on both sides benefited from the support of both coaches, which ensured a good learning experience for everyone taking part. Mattishall batted 1st, with a good start by Chipperfield and Walker, some good fielding in the middle of the innings by Thetford pegged Mattishall back before Faircloth and Spurgon put together a strong final wicket partnership.

In reply Thetford started slowly but the players grew in confidence and finished strongly with fine "not out" performances from Chisholm, Thomas and Piggot. A great game played with lovely spirit.....with lots of positive encouragement.....on a day that was "designed" for cricket!!!

June 20th 2017

Michael Hall - Thetford



U15 Acle v Gt. Melton

Good contributions from James Bridges, Jack Gorman and Josh Wright with the bat and a much better bowling display than their opponents brought the U15s their second victory of the season in a South Norfolk Community League encounter with Acle played in excellent spirit.

After being asked to bat by Acle skipper Olly Reek, Bridges (37) and Gorman got the Melton innings off to a good start with an opening stand of 71. Once Bridges was out, Beccy Greenslade joined Gorman who then retired with 22 to leave the last 4 overs to Josh Wright whose quick-fire 19 and some quickly ran singles with Greenslade (8 not out) took Melton to 137-1. Blazer (3-0-17-1) was the Acle wicket-taker and Reek (3-1-12-0) also bowled well but the other Acle bowlers struggled as the 'extras' column indicated - 51!

There were good 'knocks' from Reek (25 not out), Jack Patterson (17), Blazer (14) and Ben Grey (13 not out) in the home side's reply but Olly Black only conceded 2 runs in his 2 overs, Wright picked up 2-21 from 3 and Greenslade (1-10) and Tim Nutt (3-0-17-0) bowled well to restrict Acle to 104-3. Melton's bowling was certainly more disciplined than Acle's. Still 27 extras were conceded but only 15 were wides or no-balls compared to 41 by their opponents.

June 20th 2017

Steve Phoenix



U9 Gt.Melton v Brooke

This was cricket at its best, with the result determined by the last ball of a thrilling match.

Brooke under 9s batted first and were in a strong position at the close of their innings. The match changed during the final 8 overs when despite accurate bowling by Brooke, the Gt Melton batters hit frequent boundaries. Either team could have won in the final over and all the players contributed to provide such a sporting and entertaining match.

June 14th 2017

Guy McCurley



U11 Mattishall v Saham Toney

A great game on a breezy but sunny morning. Thanks to Saham Toney CC for hosting at such short notice due to fixture clash at Mattishall CC.

Saham Toney batted first and lost skipper Mower first ball to Walker. This poor start was compounded when Wakemen picked up a further two wickets (2 for 8) with only 13 on the board. Sander led a strong rally scoring 21 and was ably supported by Sims. Saham Toney did well to finish on 66 for 5.

Mattishall were dominant in their reply and knocked the runs off in 8 overs with the loss of only two wickets. Court scoring a strong 24 and Braybrook an ever reliable 19. A strong performance from an experienced Mattishall team but a brave effort from the less experienced Saham Toney.

June 11th 2017

R.Walker - Mattishall



U11 Mulbarton v Topcroft [See pics on our gallery here](#)

With Prabhakar, Nanayakkara and Morgan, in the blink of an eye, all back on the bench and the team on 6 for 3, an early finish beckoned. But Mulbarton's lower order offered gallant resistance; Lambert (4), Coman (4), Weston (1no) and Riches (1) all contributing to the final score of 27.

James (9) and Reeder (4) provided an attractive opening to Topcroft's reply before both were bowled by Prabhakar and Nanayakkara respectively and it was left to Whitting (3no) and Sparrow (8no) to guide the team over the winning line in the tenth over.

Topcroft were the more experienced and polished side; bowling and fielding with real commitment and hanging on to their catches while Mulbarton's young and enthusiastic squad remain a work in progress. Both teams can be proud of their performance on a beautiful summer morning at Orchard Park.

June 11th 2017

JH - Mulbarton



U13 Gt.Ellingham v Mulbarton

A lovely warm evening of cricket started with Mulbarton being patient with the bat. Regular contributions from captain Arjuna Puvanachandra (14), Robert Mackintosh (19), George Morris (10) and top scoring Bobby Sheppard (31 not out) included a total of 15 fours. A very positive batting display, only held in check by some tight bowling by the Great Ellingham captain Aaron Draper who finished with 12 runs for 3 wickets. Mulbarton finished with an impressive 130 which always looked too much to overhaul.

Bowling was on the money throughout the second innings with 6 Mulbarton bowlers all chipping in with a wicket - a good all round display. Matthew Burton (2 overs for only 4 four runs) and Freddie Paterson bowled accurately. D.Mayne and Amber Thompson both got into double figures and Great Ellingham did get to 59 before losing their last wicket in the final over bowled by J.Taylor (2 for 14). Fielding was tight and three great catches caught the eye - particularly from debutant Tom Weston who also bowled well.

Mulbarton won convincingly by 71 runs but everyone had a great evening of cricket in the warm sunshine.

June 8th 2017

Narman Puvanachandra



U9 Mattishall v Brooke

A very enjoyable evening spent watching some good cricket from both sides. Brooke won the toss and put Mattishall into bat. Mattishall started well, with the opening pairing of Chipperfield and Stoltz playing some nice shots and running well between the wickets. The Mattishall middle order held their form and the Mattishall innings was closed by Faircloth and Walker, who had to work hard against excellent bowling from Ford and Lewis. Mattishall had batted well for the loss of just 2 wickets.

In reply Brooke started well but were pegged back by some consistent Mattishall bowling, before the last pair of Ford and Lewis attacked with a string of boundaries in the final few overs. Despite their efforts it was not enough and Mattishall finished winning by 18 runs. The match was played in a lovely atmosphere with sportsmanship shown from both sides. The overall quality of cricket on show from both sides was very good and a pleasure to watch.

June 2nd 2017

Michael Hall - Mattishall



U15 Rocklands v Mundford [See pic here](#)

In their first SNCL game of the season, Rocklands CC Under 15s hosted Mundford CC. After winning the toss, Rocklands CC elected to bat first.

Despite a solid bowling performance by the Mundford players, Jed Bilverstone scored runs throughout the innings, hitting eight 4's before retiring in the last over of the game for 50 not out. He opened with and was supported by Tom Woods who end up on 9 not out. With only a few balls left Casey Peeke-Vout came in to score 1 not out. With the extras, Rocklands CC finished on 105 - 0.

Rocklands started well with Daisy Eke and Jamie Taylor keeping the visitors below the required run rate. Matt Jewson and Ralph Garrod bowled well with Ralph taking a wicket in his second over. Casey Peeke-Vout took a wicket with his first ball, with a well taken catch by Ralph Garrod. Mundford CC continued to put runs on the board following the loss of a couple of wickets with C Rees scoring 14 not out and M Funton scoring 7 before being run out late on by Jamie Taylor. T Apthall scored 6 quick fire runs late on with Mundford CC finishing 51 - 3.

A game played with great spirit throughout by all and one enjoyed by all those in attendance.

June 1st 2017

Matthew Barnett - Rocklands CC



U15 Gt.Melton v Horsford

A very exciting game of cricket played in a good spirit.

Initially the Horsford innings seemed to be slumping to a poor total with only 38 scored when the 6th wicket fell. However, the final pair of Kieran Lamb and Harry George made a solid case for higher batting positions in future with a 54 partnership from the last 9 overs to take the total to 92.

Tight early bowling restricted Great Melton to 21 from the first 7 overs. However, Kai Wilkinson- Loines (49no) began to play with increasing fluency assisted by Lohit Kannan(9) in a partnership of 57. When a mix up lead to Lohit being run out, a challenging 34 were still needed from the final 4 overs. Kai was joined by Josh Wright (24no) and a combination of boundaries and quick run 2s ended with a scampered 2 off the last ball to tie the match.

June 1st 2017

Clive Gristwood - Gt.Melton



U15 Bradenham v Old Buckenham

Batting first Old Buckenham made a steady start with the openers putting on 85 for the loss of the 1st wicket when M Walter fell to a good catch from Joe Taylor. F Goodrum continued to impress and increased the scoring rate before he fell to another catch from Taylor for a well made 46. Old Buckenham ended their innings on 146 for 2 with a healthy portion of extras to boost the total.

The Bradenham reply began slowly as the accurate bowling of Daniel Bint pinned them down. Joe Taylor then began to find his form and well supported by Jake Whitwood the pair had made 82 before Whitwod was bowled by Heaton. Taylor reached his 50 and retired and the home team lost 1 more wicket before finishing their innings on 109 for 2. Old Buckenham only had 7 players but they all did their jobs and were worthy winners.

June 1st 2017

Dave Caffyn - Bradenham CC



U13 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Horsford

Horsford losing the toss were put into bat by Tas captain Ben Way. Horsford started slowly losing opener captain Will Johnson, bowled by the Tas captain in only the 2nd over. Archie Ward joined George Byrne in the middle and added 9 to the total before Way struck again in his 2nd over with a great C&B to dismiss Byrne. Wilson Lucas came in at No. 4 and he and Ward proceeded to set about the Tas bowling, between them hitting 43 and really putting some runs on the board. With the score at 65 the pair were trying to take a run off a no ball when a great throw by Way to bowler Ashton Gricks resulted in Lucas being run out. Benji Hewitt at 5 followed swiftly in almost copycat fashion with another run out from a no ball. 76-4 from 11. Henry Hood at 6 looked very dangerous and worked well with Ward pushing the score on well until Charlie English took a great catch off his own bowling to dismiss Ward (26). 92-5 from 13. The scoring slowed as the new bat Farren Miller took to the crease and in the 15th over he too was out, caught by Alex Bird from the English's 2nd over. 100-6. Last man James Hicks (1*) and Henry Hood (17*) then set about spoiling Way's figures (2 for 17) hitting 9 from his final over and Horsford finished on 109 for 6.

In reply, Tas made an almost identical start to Horsford, and with only 7 on the board, Alex Bird was run out in the 2nd over going for a risky single. 7-1. With so much work still to do but coming up against very accurate and dangerous bowling Tas were unable to put many runs on the board and at only 27 from 8 overs the game looked very much over. However, opener Ben Way and no 3 Will Worley settled down to the task and scored steadily and determinedly from that point and in the next 4 overs almost trebled the score to 75 from 12. With the game very much on and the bit between their teeth the 2 took well hit 4s, pushed 2's and ran on no balls and wides to increase the score to 100 from 15.

Sadly top scorer Ben Way retired (40*) after hitting a single from the 1st ball of the final over. With 9 needed to win from 5 balls Will Worley was caught next ball trying to force the pace (101-2). No 3 Reece Hancke was bowled first ball (101-3) and with only 3 balls left Tas still needed 9 to win. With Ashton Gricks facing he looked for runs off each of the next 2 balls but Johnson's bowling was too tight and nothing was possible. With 9 runs still needed off the final ball the Tas batsmen Gricks and Josh Hayes might have been forgiven for giving in but Ashton struck the final ball and they comfortably ran a single. Ever alive to the possibilities an overthrow resulted in a 2nd run and then incredibly (to the delight of the Tas crows) another overthrow got them a 3rd. Going for broke Gricks kept going for a 4th but with the WK finally holding the ball was run out in the attempt. Tas finished tantalisingly short of the required runs but importantly never once gave up.

SO a fine game, eagerly and closely contested by 16 great cricketers which went right down to the wire and with, happily, the Spirit of Cricket alive and well throughout!

The highlight of the game was undoubtedly the run chase and the 93 runs added by the partnership of Ben Way and Will Worley. Special mention though to Horsford captain Will Johnson who bowled the final over with no sign of nerves and who finished with figures of 2 for 8.

May 31st 2017

Sara Worley - Hethersett & Tas Valley CC



U13 Acle v Brooke

A very exciting and close encounter with everyone expecting Brooke to win easily with a very talented side, however the fact that Acle almost chased down 107 runs was testimony to the new coaching techniques we have on wed night coaching which allows "one to one" coaching to each child in turn.

Edward Cross retired on 40 , Harry Ford & May Drinkell had easily the most fluent bowling actions, whilst Mathew Buttery (3 overs 0 for 10) was easily the most economical bowler on either side. Taha Raja reached 37 before a very good ct & bowled by Harry Ford stopped him in his tracks.

An excellent game of Cricket played in good spirit by both sides, with perhaps the man of the match being the Manager/Umpire for Brooke who set the field after every ball, without a hint of guilt!

May 31st 2017

Quorn Handley - Acle CC



U9 Thetford v Hethersett & Tas Valley

Thetford Town CC U9's entertained H&TV in an evenly contested and very well supported SNCL match. Thetford won and the toss and put the opposition into bat. Megan Haynes and Archie Jackson opened the bowling with an impressive controlled spell, however it was Thetford captain Theo Piggott who got the breakthrough with two wickets from his two overs. Although the scoreboard continued to tick over the wickets fell at a consistent rate with Dillon Cummings taking a further two wickets and Callum Chisholm chipping in with one. In the pursuit of runs H&TV did not quite get the calling sorted and two further wickets fell to runs outs and the innings closed at 178 for 7.

Thetford's inning started well with the loss of only 1 wicket from the first pair and although two further wickets fell the Thetford innings continued to progress well. Euan Sheridan and Megan S performed well, only losing 1 wicket for 12 runs. With Cummings and Chisholm coming to the wicket the score looked promising and again they only lost 1 wicket for 16 runs. The penultimate pair were keeper Ollie Byford and Jackson who batted well not to lose a wicket and kept the scoreboard ticking. With the final pairing coming together needing 3 runs and no loss of wickets, Haynes hit the first over for 8 runs and a sumptuous pull for 4. It was then up to Piggott and Haynes to keep their heads, which they did, to win the game for Thetford.

An evenly contested and well natured game in beautiful sunshine.

May 29th 2017

Micky Piggott (Thetford)



U11 Gt.Melton v Mattishall

Mattishall won the toss and put Great Melton into bat. Mattishall bowled well with 2 wickets apiece for S. Town and B. Stoltz. 1 wicket for M. Braybrook and a run out accounted for the 6 wickets taken. Melton's openers, S. Davey (18) and B. Gaskin (23) got the innings off to a good start however runs further down the order were less forthcoming with only P. Thomas (4) scoring more than 1 run.

In the 2nd innings M. Braybrook got the batting off to a good start, retiring after he reached his total of 30. Tight bowling by the Melton bowlers restricted the visitors to 67-2 in their 16 overs although B.Page was the only bowler to go home with a wicket to his name.

A good game played by all.

May 29th 2017

Maxine Rushton (GMCC)



U9 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Garboldisham

The match today between Tas U9's and Garboldisham U9's, played at Tas, saw lovely weather for a really pleasant game of cricket. The Garboldisham captain won the toss and elected Tas into bat first. Tas made steady progress picking up a fair few quick singles throughout the innings, before 3 run outs over the space of 2 overs halted their progress. Eventually after some very tidy Garboldisham bowling from Jago Bacher (1 for 5 runs off 3 overs) Tas posted a solid net score of 109-6 (139 before deducting wickets). The best batting figures for Tas came from William English (4 runs scored). A special mention to the Garboldisham wicket keeper who had a great performance behind the stumps.

After a quick drinks break Garboldisham went out to bat with Tas opening the bowling with a Maiden from Ollie Last. Garboldisham also gained lots of singles, these were decisive and well taken, and hit a couple of 4s to post a net score of 139-1 (144 before deducting wickets). The batting was consistent with some lovely straight shots being played. The pick of the batting figures for Garboldisham came from Oscar Baker (7 runs made) and Jonny Wynn (6 runs made). Tas were tight in the field with William English doing well behind the stumps before changing with Daniel Whitely to go and bowl eventually reaching the figures of 1-1. A special mention of Ollie Last (3 runs from 3 overs) and Daniel Whitely (2 runs from an over) for their solid bowling.

Final result: Garboldisham win by 30 runs. Congratulations to Garboldisham, they brought a great group of young players. On the day the sportsmanship from both teams was brilliant, a lovely game to watch all round.

May 22nd 2017

Ben Woodruff



U15 Acle v Cringleford Lodge

On a warm Sunny morning at Acle it was such a pleasure and relief and much praise must go to Kevin Taylor of Cringleford who raised a side which is more than some of the so called "bigger clubs" have managed in some of our "Alliance" U11 and U13 matches. Judging by the number of quality spinners on show from Cringleford, one might surmise that Kevin was a spin bowler in his heyday?

Cringleford were bowled out for 65 in the 14th over, 6 of Acle's 7 bowlers took a wicket each, with one runout. L.Downing scored a hefty 17 of 14 deliveries for Cringleford, but was usurped by Acle's O.Reek (bowled for 20 off 16) and Dan Hastings (25* off 15) and M.Littlewood (13* off 4), Acle winning by 6wkts in the 8th over

May 21st 2017

FLQ Handley



U11 Mulbarton v Norwich [See team pics on our gallery here](#)

Under brightening skies Norwich made a positive start to their innings against a Mulbarton side containing several players about to experience their first opportunity of hardball cricket. For Norwich, skipper Enoch led the way with an unbeaten 30 well supported by George (9no) and later Harry (16no). The Mulbarton attack was of a mixed quality but presented problems for the Norwich batsmen on occasions helped by the variable bounce. But the visitors' score of 91, including 55 off the bat, was an impressive effort that would take some beating.

A rout looked possible though with three Mulbarton batsmen quickly dismissed but James and later Thomas offered stubborn resistance against a high quality attack helping the home side bat out their overs and grab a couple of points from the game. Mulbarton played the good natured fixture in great spirits and will have learned much from the experience by watching a well organised and cohesive Norwich side who were simply too good for them as the sun finally burst through the clouds.

May 14th 2017

Joe Harris



U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Mattishall

Play had been looking unlikely with heavy skies and early rain casting doubt on the fixture but the decision to go ahead and play was rewarded by blue skies and uninterrupted play by the end of the morning.

Tas won the toss and opted to field first and with the opening bowlers bowling tight lines Mattishall were under pressure with only 23 on the board after 8 overs. A spell of loose bowling changed the momentum of the match and Mattishall gathered pace to finish on 81-2. Pick of the bowling was Menuka Jayakody who had 2 maidens followed by the wicket of top scorer M Braybrook (13) in his 3rd for the loss of only 4 runs.

The Tas innings also started slowly against very accurate opening bowling. Tas openers Harrison and Menuka were progressing nicely until the 6th over when Harrison was caught from Court's bowling. The scoring slowed more when James Ellis was caught (3) attempting a big shot. Menuka and new batsman James Wright tried to steady the ship and at the same time trying to force the pace. Always a dangerous situation and following a calling mix up Menuka was run out (12). Barney Waller came in to bat and he and James managed to put another 23 on the board before they ran out of overs in their run chase. Tas ended on 67 for 3.

Pick of the Mattishall bowlers was J Court 1-9, best Tas batsman was James Wright (14 not out).

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Sara Worley



U17 Cringleford Lodge v Hethersett & Tas Valley

Sadly for many players in the league this will be the final year of age-group cricket and that is true for most at Cringleford whose squad is predominantly U17 when work, study, injury or heaven forbid...lethargy don't intervene. The U17 league can be a quick event unless you triumph and progress to the Winners round-robin... triumph is by no means clear cut playing four games with the award of points determined by the quantum of the victories or the narrowness of the losses... four wins would ensure that you are through.. surely, but theoretically not in first place... that's one for the keen statisticians out there.

Cringleford welcomed Tas on a lovely warmish late Spring evening with both teams looking to make an impact in the League and a determination to progress to the Winners round-robin. Cringleford batted first to rack up a decent total of 125 for the loss of 2 wickets with scores of 47 (out) and 37 (not out) posted. However power is a feature of the U17 game and containment is the key.

Cringleford took to the field to defend a potentially winning total that would require a run rate of 8 per over. Size is a feature of the Tas team and the opening pairing of Cooper and Osborne seemed solid and the first breakthrough came in the fifth over with 37 on the board but the second pairing weathered the bowling attack and benefitted from some forgiving fielding at times to take it to 112 for two and 14 runs needed.

After such a warm start to the evening the end was ushered by a cold breeze literally and metaphorically as both the Sun disappeared and Tas who emerged as winners with 9 runs required off the final over and four balls to spare. This was a great advert for youth cricket played by two capable and determined teams and a treat for the spectators with the outcome by no means certain.

The SNCL format can provide huge entertainment and uncertainty right to the end but interesting to note that each innings took about an hour to play with many players making it home by 8:30pm... time for some homework or revision before lights-out and a little warmth in front of the fire.

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