



## Summer Leagues Match Reports 2018

### U11 RCP Carnival Cup roundup

#### U11 Topcroft v Norwich

Topcroft turned in an assured performance with the bat in the opening fixture on pitch 1 against Norwich. Collins (11), Ellis (22) and Adcock (22 no) along with a substantial extras total, common to all games, drove the score to 108 at close. The two bowlers' wickets were shared between Harrington (for 22) and Searby (for 24).

At 47 for 5 it looked game over for Norwich (James 3 for 8 & Collins 2 for 18) but an outstanding innings from Searby (29no) supported at the death by Dwyer (6no) somehow managed to keep them in the game and, despite their best efforts, Topcroft were unable to separate these two as they witnessed the game slip away from them, Norwich winning with an over to spare in the most pulsating game of the day.

Topcroft 108 for 2 (16 overs). Norwich 111 for 5 (15 overs).

#### U11 Mundford v Gt.Melton

It was the eleventh over when Mundford lost their second wicket at 82 thanks to a great start provided by Norton (25) and Long (28). But with these two gone the rate plummeted and they were only able to add a further 20 runs off their remaining 6 overs, finishing on 103.

Melton were never really in any trouble chasing down the target and even after the dismissal of Cheal (10) and Thomas (22), there still was plenty of batting to come as Earley (27 no) and Graves (19 no) finished the job with fifteen balls to spare.

Mundford 103 for 3 (16 overs). Gt.Melton 108 for 2 (13.3 overs).

#### U11 Mundford v Topcroft playoff

Positive offerings from Long (31 ret) and Groves (16no) assisted by Walmer (11) helped Mundford amass 98 off their 16 overs. Only two wickets fell to a bowler, both to J.Adcock who finished with figures of 2 for 12.

After an opening partnership of 60 from Topcroft's Adcock (30 ret) and Reviel (4) there was something of a middle order collapse before a fine knock from Lockwood (16no) carried Topcroft over the line in the twelfth over. J.Norton (2 for 17) and Walmer (1 for 8) were the wicket takers.

Mundford 98 for 3 (16 overs). Topcroft 99 for 3 (11.3 overs).

#### U11 Final Norwich v Gt.Melton

Two retirements from Clarke (31) and Barber (30) provided the perfect platform for Norwich's innings although their slow start meant they were playing catchup throughout the innings. Searby added a swashbuckling 20 but after his departure the runs rather dawdled again with no one able to provide a final flourish to the total, and this, with Melton's meagre contribution of extras, resulted in a modest target of only 108.

Early wickets were crucial for Norwich and after both Cheal and Earley went without scoring there was a spring in their step again before Thomas (25no) and Graves (25) rescued the innings. McKay (9) and then Ryan (8no) supported Thomas as Melton reached the winning post with more than 3 overs to spare (Barber 2 for 30). Norwich actually scored more runs from the bat 83 to 67 but, as is unfortunately so often the case in U11 games, it was the extras that proved decisive.

Norwich 107 for 5 (16 overs). Gt.Melton 108 for 3 (12.3 overs).

Graham Lincoln from our sponsor RCP Parking presented the trophies at the end of the afternoon.

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### U13 RCP Carnival Cup roundup

With rather more wind and rather less sun than promised the U13s assembled for the second RCP Carnival Cup day.

In the first round games, a strong Lowestoft side saw off challengers Old Buckenham whose total of 85 for 5 with Town's L.Davie bagging 3 for 7 was always looking a little light against this powerful batting side. There were good knocks from OB's R.Wright (29) and M.Wright (25) but Lowestoft easily reached their target in the ninth over without loss – G.Sims (41 ret) and G.Taylor 40 (ret).

In the other game, Melton were made to work rather harder for their win against a young and determined Norwich side who set them 117 thanks to strong contributions from Cooper (43 ret), Brister (25) and Stuart Miles (15). Gt.Melton lost 5 wickets in their run chase and another one could have turned the game around but in the end they kept their heads to win in the fifteenth over. All of the batsmen chipped in with best contributions from Johnson (21), Davey (18) and Graves (15). Norwich's S.Jackson was outstanding with the ball and was rather surprisingly removed from the attack after two overs having taken 3 for 7.

There is no record for the third fourth playoff save that Norwich batted their way to the highest total of the competition - 154. Old Buckenham were rather understrength for this tournament but batted determinedly even though they must have sensed it was a hopeless task. Credit to them all.

The U15 final had produced a nail biting finish with the result only decided on the final ball. Those hoping for a similar conclusion today were to be disappointed as Lowestoft blew the Melton innings away with some top class bowling and outstanding catching. Melton's batsmen imploded and mustered just 11 runs as their side was bowled out for 18 before the halfway mark of the innings – extraordinary. There were 2 wickets for Coote (3 runs) and 3 for Bland (14 runs). Town took only 31 balls to gather the required total to finish their demolition job for the afternoon.

Many thanks to Richard Jefferson who attended to present the trophies and certificates to all of the players...and a big thank you to parents, grandparents, coaches, managers etc. who braved the distinctly cool conditions to support our young cricketers.

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

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## **U15 RCP Carnival Cup roundup**

### **Gt.Melton v Hethersett & Tas Valley**

Bridges 35 and Wright's 34no provided the backbone of Melton's innings with Johnson chipping in with a useful 10 at the death, it was Tas' contribution of 55 extras that generously swelled their opponents' total to 141 for 4; B.Way the best bowling effort with 2 for 9 off his 3 overs.

After Tas lost H.Worley (2) cheaply, Gibson along with English (21no) added 80 for the second wicket. But after the departure of Gibson (55 ret), the scoring slowed and, already well behind the rate, the magnitude of Tas' task mounted rapidly. Stoic contributions of 13 from Way, W.Worley (4) and Mirza (7) were not enough to compensate for their team's earlier profligacy with the ball as Melton ran out comfortable winners by 31 runs – Green (2 for 7) the pick of Melton's accurate attack.

Gt.Melton 141 for 4 (16 overs). Hethersett & Tas Valley 110 for 5 (16 overs).

### **Norwich v Rocklands**

Extras also featured heavily in Rocklands' innings (42) and along with good innings from Thresh (16), Bilverstone (25), Webster (21no) and Crostwaite (13) they posted a challenging total of 133.

Even with three ducks from Norwich's young team, McClean (21), Miles (19), Kemp (35) and Darshan (22) kept the innings alive before they eventually ran out of batsmen seven runs short of their target. Paterson (2 for 28) and Bilverstone (2 for 21) were the most successful with the ball for Rocklands.

Rocklands 133 for 4 (16 overs). Norwich 126 all out (16 overs).

### **Third/fourth playoff Norwich v Hethersett & Tas Valley**

Norwich had come close against Rocklands and their batting line-up again performed strongly against a Tas attack that, while improved on their first game, still contained an alarming number of extras. Building on this donation, Stuart-Miles and Kemp

shared a largely chanceless and creative partnership of 135 before both retired on 50. Marks (9no), Brister (5) and Darshan (1) added a further 22 off the last three overs to put the gloss on an already solid total of 157 – the highest of the day. English, the most economical of the Tas attack, took the only bowler's wicket for 16 runs.

After H.Worley went quickly English and Way shared a 30+ partnership. But it was dogged going for Tas against a probing Norwich attack which yielded just 16 runs in the first four overs. Only when Gibson joined English (23no) on the departure of Way (17) in the seventh over did the board really start moving again. These two added a further 80 before Gibson had to retire having gifted his team the outside possibility that they could reach the winning line. It proved to be a great effort all round but even with Thorndyke (6) and then Mirza (7no) partnering English with some big hitting they could not overcome their sluggish start, in the end falling short by 22. All of the Norwich attack bowled well with the three wickets shared between Stuart-Miles (1 for 24), Brister (1 for 24) and Jackson (1 for 5).

Norwich 157 for 4 (16 overs). Hethersett & Tas Valley 133 for 3 (16 overs).

### **Final Rocklands v Gt.Melton**

The climax of the first RCP Cup day was not to disappoint with both Thresh (50 ret) and Bilverstone providing the perfect start to Rocklands' innings as their side added 103 before Bilverstone (46) was run out in the tenth over. Patterson provided a further 19 as Rocklands powered their way to a likely looking record score before Melton reined in this ambition with some excellent end of innings bowling, restricting them to just 30 off the last five overs including an extraordinary quadruple wicket maiden, including a hat trick, from Wright (5 for 20) to peg back a Rocklands score that could have been a dozen higher.

And so it was game on as Bridges and Green chased down the total with 68 on the board by the seventh over when Green (23) was run out. Wright (48 no) then joined Bridges crafting a stylish innings but the rate required mounted steadily with Melton needing 40 off their final four overs. It looked Rocklands game from hereon in but the thirteenth over brought 13 runs as the target hove into sight. With 22 still to score off the last twelve balls some flustered fielding from Rocklands meant that the runs were there for the taking and after Bridges retirement on 53 it was left to Johnson, with the game tied, to score a single off the final ball of the innings and provide a magnificent finale to an excellent day's cricket in the only match won by a side batting second.

Rocklands 148 for 7 (16 overs). Gt.Melton 149 for 2 (16 overs).

1st. Gt.Melton 2nd. Rocklands 3rd. Norwich 4th. Hethersett & Tas Valley

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### **U17 Old Buckenham v Topcroft**

OB batted first having won the toss on a damp evening with a slow outfield.

Topcroft's bowlers kept pace off the ball making hitting boundaries a bonus on a large outfield. Openers Goodrum and Blake scored steadily putting on 61 for the first wicket before Blake was well caught by Rhodes. Goodrum continued his stylish batting reaching his 50 in the 14th over and remained unbeaten at the close of the innings.

After the break Topcroft's reply got off to a steady reply thanks to some accurate and hostile bowling from Bint but Topcroft's strong opening pair gradually got underway and some powerful strokes from Harrad saw him to a well struck 50 soon to be followed by Rhodes. Skipper Blake was rewarded for a fine spell of bowling with the wicket of Harrad but it was too late to prevent Topcroft cruising to victory with one over to spare.

A good game of cricket played in a fine spirit with some good cricketers on display.

Chris Dalton – OB - August 15th 2018

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### **U13 Gt.Melton v Rocklands**

The forecast threatened rain but luckily it didn't come and the match was underway. Rocklands won the toss and elected to field.

Melton started strongly and put on 42 before the first wicket of Rushton (20) fell in the 5th over - bowled F.Garrod. S.Davey (40\*) continued to bat well accompanied at the crease by H.Cunningham (run out B.Eagleton - 9), H.Marsh (caught & bowled

C.Furniss - 11) and B.Gaskin (6\*). When Davey retired W.Bailey (run out S.Beech - 2) and L.Stevens (9\*) completed the innings and Melton finished on 118/4.

Melton took the early wicket of Garrod (5) bowled by Gaskin with his first ball in the 2nd over. However, it was the introduction of Henry Marsh in the 4th over that proved the undoing of Rocklands' top order. First L.Matthews (9), then T.Bridges (11), C.Furniss (0) and S.Beech (14) were all bowled by Marsh in a fantastic display of medium-paced accurate bowling and he finished with figures of 3-1-4-6. A late run out of A.Mason (1) by C.Mcgilvry left Eagleton (16\*) and H.Bridges (0\*) to conclude Rocklands' innings and they finished on 80/6 at the end of the 16 overs.

Well played all.

Maxine Rushton - Gt.Melton - August 10th 2018

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### **U17 Norwich v Diss**

We welcomed Diss to Postwick for our 17s fixture, both teams with a mix of younger players making up their numbers.

Norwich win the toss and elected to bat first B Kemp and A Durrant opening the batting. Unfortunately A Durrant fell cheaply to a sharp delivery from Diss' Hardy, this brought the in form B Stewart-Miles to the crease and he joined Kemp in setting a challenging total. Boundaries arrived with good frequency across the lightning fast outfield. Stewart-Miles finally fell for 44, however B Kemp continued his onslaught and ended up with a fine 66 not out.

Norwich finished their innings on 131 - 2.

The total was always going to be tough to chase and was confounded by the loss of an early wicket and restrictive bowling. Durrant claimed the early wicket and McLean delivered 3 excellent overs taking 1 wicket for just 7 runs. L Brister picked up another couple of wickets and our brother and sister combination of Stewart-Miles' completed the wicket taking. Resulting in Diss finishing their innings with a total of 84.

Irrespective of results it was good to see both teams enjoying themselves.

Anon – Norwich - August 7th 2018

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### **U11 Gt.Melton Girls v Brooke**

A first for the SNCL?

On a very hot and sunny morning at Melton Park, 16 girls took to the field - a first for an SNCL game?

Melton won the toss and elected to field. The girls from Brooke started strongly with S.Bush dispatching the very first ball for 4 runs. Not to be outdone, N.Saunders did the same with the first delivery she faced and the pair were batting well putting on a partnership of 34 until N.Rushton bowled Bush for 7 runs in the 4th over. B.Harrold (16\*) came to the crease and a strong partnership of 56 took the match out of Melton's reach before Saunders was eventually caught behind by rookie keeper E.Brockington for 27. S.Reynolds scored 9\* and Brooke finished on 107/2.

Scoring many runs from the bat has been something the girls from Melton have found difficult this season but having watched Brooke dispatch the ball, they got off to a brisk start before Reynolds took her first wicket - A.Browning bowled for 3. Her accurate bowling was the difference between the 2 sides and she finished with amazing figures of 2.3-0-7-4. A.Brand top scored for Melton with a score of 13. 2 wickets for Harrold and a run out for S.Bush completed the innings. Melton girls were all out for 72.

A great match - well played to all.

Maxine Rushton - Gt.Melton - August 6th 2018

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### **U15 Gt.Melton v Acle**

It was a case of 'after the Lord Major's Show' for Melton U15s who, 3 days after the 'high' of reaching the Andy Seeley Cup Final, came back to earth with a bump against Acle at Melton Park. It was just a below-par performance from Melton, fully exploited by a more focused Acle team who won with just one ball of the 16 overs to spare.

Electing to bat first having again won the toss, Melton were soon in trouble losing Lohit Kannan (2) who played on, Charlie Green (1) run out, Saxon Earley (3) bowled and Oli Leinster (7) also bowled with barely 20 runs on the board. Skipper Josh Wright then set about the task of putting enough runs on the board to give his side something to bowl at. He was fast running out of partners, though as Sam Johnson (6) and Ben Fletcher (10) soon departed but, with last man Ben Johnson farming the strike it looked like Wright would reach his 50 and Melton a respectable 120ish until he inexplicably ran himself out with 3 overs still to bowl. Nevertheless it was a really good effort from Josh who scored 43 as Melton made 103 all out.

The Acle bowling was good with Oliver Reek (1-4), Nathan Shaw (2-10), Angus Blazer (1-25) & Ben Gray (1-2) sharing the wickets.

Blazer (18) and Shaw then threatened to take the game away from Melton, their aggressive batting meant the scoreboard ticked along at a good rate. The Melton bowlers stuck to their task well, however, and, once the impressive Nathan Shaw retired having scored an accomplished 51, the scoring rate dropped. Economical spells of bowling from Saxon Earley (3-0-18-01), Ben Fletcher (3-0-16-0), Sam Johnson (2-0-12-0), Ben Johnson (3-0-18-1) and Charlie Green (1-0-5-1) kept Melton in the match and, when the last over arrived, Acle were 4 wickets down, needing 10 to win. Then panic set in! As Reek 5 not out) and Debangshu Chakrabati (16 not out) attempted to make ones into twos in Josh Wright's final over, Melton's fielding suffered. Chakrabati hit a four but there were two missed run-outs as Norwich won a nail-biting game off the penultimate ball.

For the second match in a row it was an extremely exciting finish to an really good game of cricket.

Steve Phoenix -Gt.Melton - August 3rd 2018

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### **U13 Lowestoft Town v Mulbarton**

Oh we do like to be beside the seaside...even though table topping Lowestoft Town awaited us on a parched Denes Oval. Like the weather, the welcome was equally warm as our generous opponents provided two players, Kian and Archie, enabling understrength Mulbarton to field a full side for the fixture.

The result of the game was never going to be in any doubt as Town's Innes (36), Taylor (40\*) and Hailey (30\*) posted a challenging target of 129 for the visitors. Mulbarton stuck to their task though with Page and Nanayakkara, the only wicket taker, the pick of the bowlers. The fielding was much improved too although three fairly soft dropped chances took some of the shine off this performance.

Bungay were bowled out for 10 by this side and for a while a similar or even lower total looked a real possibility. Lowestoft's powerful attack completely overwhelmed Mulbarton whose innings included five ducks – two of them unnecessary run outs. The only resistance was provided courtesy of a buccaneering 10\* from Nanayakkara as Mulbarton were bowled out for 26 in the ninth over.

Joe Harris – Mulbarton - July 31st 2018

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### **U11 Norwich v Gt.Melton Girls**

A friendly game of cricket tonight with Gt Melton girls.

Norwich elected to bat first, however Melton delivered a striking blow with some early accurate bowling, mixed with some not so good shot selection which led to Norwich losing 5 early wickets. N. Rushton bowled amazingly well and picked up 3 wickets in her first over and then came back at the end to finish off Norwich innings and ending her fine bowling spell with figures of 4 wickets for 10 runs off 2.1 overs. Norwich innings stuttered and stumbled, and it was the final pair if batsmen M Dunham and O Collins who barred extremely well and played sensible shots to allow the total to reach 103.

Norwich began their fielding with some extremely accurate bowling, with H Searby taking 2 for 6 off 2 overs and O Collins bowling 2 overs for 2. W Barber continued the tight bowling and H Clarke taking a couple of wickets all other bowlers bowled well and Anish just missed out on a hat trick. Norwich were able to restrict Gt Melton to 76 all out.

Anon - July 31st 2018

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### **U13 Diss v Gt.Melton**

Ben Gaskin scored 31 and Harrison Cunningham 36 as Great Melton chose to bat first and scored 139-2. Maddison Browne scored a good 29 for Diss but Melton's bowling proved a little too strong for the home side's other batsmen and Diss were bowled out for 61 in the 14th over. Ben Johnson with 3-2 off 2 overs and Peter Thomas with 2-6 were Melton's most impressive bowlers but James Cooper and Will Bailey got a wicket apiece.

Steve Phoenix – GM - July 30th 2018

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### **U13 Rocklands v Mundford**

A nice game on a lovely evening at Rocklands. Rocklands batted first and started steadily before increasing the tempo after the halfway point. Thomas B registered on 40 n.o. And Lorenzo, on debut, batted nicely for 27 n.o. A brisk 9 n.o. From Flynn helped the total to reach 117 for 0 by the close.

The young Mundford teams reply started brightly and Toby R (21) and Tyler M (16) took the game to the hosts. However two run outs, followed by two wickets for Sam B and one apiece for Charlie and Thomas meant that wickets fell regularly before the final one fell with the score at 75.

Martin Walker – Rocklands - July 29th 2018

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### **U11 Thetford v Mulbarton**

Thetford Town CC U11's entertained Mulbarton in their 6th South Norfolk Cricket League match of the season on a beautiful summer evening at the Thetford home of cricket.

Thetford Captain Theo Piggott won the toss and chose to bat in glorious conditions, and this decision paid off as opening pair Callum Chisholm and Megan Haynes struck the ball powerfully to all parts of the ground, with both batters eventually retiring. The next batter in was captain Piggott who began his innings a bit more cautiously, running quick singles to keep the scoreboard ticking along nicely. However the Mulbarton attack fought back with a good ball from Isaac which bowled Piggott. This brought Jacob Thomas to the crease who was unfortunately run out as he failed to make his ground. This was a sign of things to come as wickets began to fall on a regular basis. Harry Hopkins was unfortunately bowled by Cameron for 2, which brought Beau Lewandoski to the crease. Both he and Euan Sheridan batted very intelligently running quick singles and then hitting a beautifully struck single that then went for 4 overthrows. Lewandoski was bowled off of the last ball of the innings for 6 by outstanding spinner Hiruja and Sheridan finished unbeaten on 3. Final total Thetford 123 for 4 from their allotted 16 overs.

Mulbarton started cautiously with Isaac and Rhys trying to scamper quick singles off of the bowling of Piggott and Haynes. However this proved costly and resulted in 2 fantastic run outs - 1 from Theo Piggott with a clean pick up and direct hit at the stumps to get rid of Isaac for 4 and the 2nd from Lewandoski to remove Rhys for 0. Still revelling from his previous MoM performance Dylan Cumming came on to bowl, bowling 3 well controlled overs and only conceding 14 runs. Next bowlers were Euan Sheridan and Harry Hopkins who conceded 12 runs and 20 runs respectively from their 2 overs. Mulbarton were now in the ascendancy as Hiruja and Morgan dominated the batting hitting four through the Thetford fielders. However the game was about to change through another fantastic run out from Theo Piggott with a clean pick up and direct hit at the stumps to remove the dangerous Morgan.

Hiruja was joined at the crease by Blake, who did not stay long as he was caught and bowled for 1 with a great return catch by Sheridan. Things were beginning to get tense but with Hiruja going well the game was Mulbarton's. However fortunate favoured Thetford as Hiruja had to retire for a brilliant 30 and with Haynes bowling Elisha for 1 the game quickly turned to Thetford's advantage. With 14 needed from the last over Haynes held her nerve to only concede 5 runs giving Thetford a narrow but well fought 9 runs victory.

This was a wonderfully natured but competitive match with plenty of local and opposition support in glorious conditions. Thanks to Jimmy Baulch for scoring, Craig Baulch for umpiring and Liam Conroy for coaching.

Nimmi Indian Restaurant Thetford Player of the Match was Ollie Byford for his brilliant performance behind the stumps as wicket keeper.

Micky Piggott -Thetford Town - July 27th 2018

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## **U11 Rocklands v Gt.Ellingham**

Wickets were hard to come by in this Under 11 match. Rocklands batted first and lost Hugo early to a good ball from Cameron but Harry W (28 n.o.) and Bobbie (16 n.o. on debut) batted nicely to bat through the innings taking the score to 105 off the 16 overs.

Great Ellingham batted well and although Rocklands bowled quite tidily Ellingham were perhaps a bit more inclined to run singles and played some nice shots to keep things on target. Isaac became the first player from Ellingham in the age group to retire on 30 well supported by Harry with 22 not out. Harry B took the one wicket for Rocklands. A close finish was always on the cards but some good middle and late overs bowling particularly from Rupert, Archie, Freddie and Harry B together with a good last over from Hugo allowed Rocklands to defend the total and win by 11 runs. Thanks to all players, parents and supporters for a nice evening.

M. Walker – Rocklands - July 27th 2018

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## **U17 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Old Buckenham**

Old Buck won the toss and elected to bat first, and began to score steadily due to some good bowling by Birch and Sutherland and a couple of loose balls which were taken advantage of by the Old Buck openers. Tas bowled consistently throughout, which led to five wickets, all bowled, Worley taking 3 for 19. Old Buckenham batted well throughout the innings, with noticeable performances from H Free (21\*) and E Pringle (22), which certainly helped Old Buck get to the total that they did.

Tas openers T Worley and I Birch started well, with tight bowling from both ends. However, two wickets in two balls from claimed the wickets of both openers, with Bint and Blake getting one each. With both openers out, in came under 11 star Sam Woodruff to score an excellent and game-winning 45\*, whilst also hitting the last ball of the game for four, with two runs needed from it for victory.

A great bowling and fielding performance from both teams meant a tight game, played in good spirits.

T Worley - Tas Valley - July 26th 2018

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## **U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Rocklands**

HTVCC got off to a good start after their visitors decided to bat first, restricting Rocklands to 15-2 from the first 6 overs, with Eke and Garrod both having their middle stump uprooted by Gibson and Birch respectively.

However, the Rocklands batsmen soon started to show some of their good form from previous weeks and the score started to accumulate, with Taylor (33), Silverstone (20) and Webster (21\*) all making decent contributions towards their total of 106 for 6.

There were single wickets for Cosford, Harvey and Bird, plus a run out after fine work between Birch and Harvey spotting that only one of the Rocklands batsmen had decided a quick single was an option as he looked to hasten along the scoring rate. Pick of the bowlers was the captain, Gibson, who returned a miserly 3 overs, 1 maiden, 1 wkt for 3 runs.

The HTVCC innings began with a measured pace until Worley was beaten by one nipping back off the seam from Patterson, who was unlucky not to get another wicket or two with similar deliveries. But the Tas batsmen continued to score with a range of boundaries and quick singles. Gibson reached 53\* before retiring and Birch weighed in with a fine 22 with some powerful 'slaps' through extra cover. Jayakody had a good return to his former club claiming the prize wicket of Way and effecting a good run out later in the innings. Cheeseman also bagged a wicket, but the Tas batsmen were always slightly ahead of the run rate. They reached their target with a couple of overs to go courtesy of some great running between the wickets by Harvey and Hayes, the latter making his U15s debut and carrying on his fine batting and 'keeping performances normally seen this season for the U13s.

A very enjoyable game of cricket, played in great spirit by two evenly-matched teams.

Mark Worley – HTVCC - July 26th 2018

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## **U13 Garboldisham v Mattishall**

A rearranged match from earlier in the season saw Garby host Mattishall at the Langley and it turned out to be quite a spectacle and nail biting game. Winning the toss home captain Daniel Worby chose to bat first and Elliott Hart opened up with Dylan Starling, Hart started well with 2 boundaries in the first over but partner Starling couldn't carry on his mid season form and was first to fall without troubling the scorers, Hart continued to maturely score at a good rate and hit some lusty blows very ably assisted by Oscar Skilleter who also started well building a good innings, Hart retired on 40 which saw Daniel Worby come and go, Worby fell to the impressive leg spin of Mathew Braybrook, Oliver Lambert soon followed to young Harry which bought Hamish Russell to the crease as last man due to Garby only fielding 6 players due to a late call off, Russell battled hard with Skilleter to push the score up to almost 100 before Skilleter fell for a very good 24 from the bowling of the talkative Hugo, Hart came back in from retirement to partner Russell in the closing overs, Russell hit some well timed boundaries on his way to an excellent 19 before he was caught behind again from the leggies of Matty, all out for 108 and maybe 15-20 short of par knowing Mattishall's strong batting to come.

County team mate of Hart, Trent opened up, Garby knew he was the key wicket,

Captain Worby started well first over with the ball removing Trent's partner in crime 5th ball, only a wayward wide preventing a wicket maiden, then second over it was the battle of the county team mates as Hart bowled to Trent, first ball a flashing drive through backward point for 4, Ominous signs for the home team, but then next ball Trent drove hard a full ball which he timed well but straight back to Elliott and the bowler took a very good caught and bowled and the danger man was gone, little did Garby know that another little star was in at 4, Matty Braybrook came out, starting watchfully he soon started playing a wide array of shots all around the ground, he reached his 40 with the score on 54 off 8 overs and it was game on as he gave the visitors a real good platform, next men in Hugo, Liam and Preston all chipped in and 3 overs to go they needed 33, Worby bowled a good 14th over taking another wicket and conceding just 6 which meant Mattishall needed 27 off 12, then a massive over saw Lambert go for 19 and Mattishall were right back in it with 8 needed off the last, although Hart had the ball for it and his pace, skill and accuracy saw only 4 come off the first 5 balls, still that meant 4 off the last ball to win but Hart bowled a gem of a dot ball to ensure a win for the home team.

Credit to both teams, a great match played in great spirit, special mention for Oscar Skilleter behind the stumps, only one bye conceded in the 16 overs was a great effort while facing some good quick bowling from Hart.

Elliott Hart 44no Mathew Braybrook 43no

James Worby – Garboldisham - July 24th 2018

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### **U11 Rocklands v Bungay**

Rocklands batted first in this Under 11 match played on another very hot Sunday morning. Harry was unluckily run out but Menuka and Hugo (9) steadied the ship. Menuka retired after a classy 30 but Bungay continued to bowl steadily so that the Rocklands batters were never able to cut loose ending on 88 off the 16 overs. W. Robinson took the second Rocklands wicket. This was to prove crucial as Bungay firstly negotiated the quicker bowlers skilfully and then steadily built their score to win the game with 3 overs to spare. Fletcher top scored on 26 n.o. Well supported by Toby with 16 n.o. Ed bowled nicely and took the only wicket for Rocklands.

A nice match well supported by on both sides. Well done to both teams!

M. Walker (Rocklands ) - July 24th 2018

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### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Acle**

A close and keenly contested game.

Winning the toss, Tas batted first. Sourish B posted 28 and Ollie L 21 n.o. in a tidy Tas innings and setting Acle 113 to win. Pick of the bowlers was Sam H taking 4-18.

In response, Acle posted 115-6, with Jonny S returning to the crease with 6 down to score the winning runs with 3 bats remaining, ending with a stylish 40 n.o. Ollie L 2-8 was the pick of the Tas bowlers.

Matt Bird – Tas - July 22nd 2018

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## **U11 Gt.Melton Girls v Sprowston**

Great Melton Girls won the toss and elected to field.

It was an innings dominated by extras from the bowlers as Great Melton Girls restricted Sprowston to just 16 runs off the bat but 48 bowling extras and 4 over throws was to eventually cost them the match. Sprowston's opening pair of S.Newstead (10\*) and N.Ford (0) took to the field. Ford was bowled out by N.Rushton in the 2nd over. J.Whitehand came into bat and scored 3 before he was bowled by P.Bugg in the 7th over. S.Browning (3\*) did well to defend his wicket especially when facing some excellent bowling from his sister, A.Browning (3-0-6-0) - playing for the opposition, in the final over.

However, S.Browning gained the upper hand when he bowled out his sister in the first over of Melton's innings with an excellent catch from J.Boulden at cover. I.Barlow was joined at the crease by N.Rushton and they took the score to 47 before Rushton was bowled by A.Desborough for 11 runs (including the first boundary of the match hit behind point) in the 13th over. P.Bugg came to the crease and I.Barlow scored 3 boundaries in succession to take the score to 61 after the 14th over. With just 5 runs needed for victory, Desborough again stepped up and bowled Bugg before Barlow (24) was run out trying to push for victory. With just 3 runs needed from the final over Newstead bowled sensibly and accurately to restrict the home team to 1 run with 2 further run outs as Melton tried desperately to find the winning run.

It was a closely fought game played in good spirits by both sides and Sprowston's tighter bowling was to prove the winning formula - well played boys.

Maxine Rushton - Gt.Melton - July 22nd 2018

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## **U9 Brooke v Topcroft**

Very good game by both teams, fielding from both teams was exceptional, with catches held by both.

Topcroft batted first and set a low total of only 127 due to some great catches and run out's by Brooke, along with some good bowling. Kieran Cook top of the runs, scoring 18.

Brooke in reply were held up with good bowling and catches, only to gain the advantage with the 3rd pairs running between the wickets, and the last pair batting and needing to not get out. Thomas bush (Brooke) scoring 18 and Oliver James getting 3 for 17 off 3.

A very good game of cricket for both teams with some great sprit and attitude by all involved. Well done Brooke.

Mark Whiting - Topcroft Under 9's - July 21st 2018

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## **U13 Saham Toney v Gt.Melton**

On another lovely summers evening, Saham decided to bat first. Unfortunaley it was a story of the batsmen getting themselves in, and then getting themselves out, not taking anything away from some good consistent bowling from Great Melton. Ethan Milne contributed a 26 no to help post a score of 85 much below par.

Sahams bowling has been our weakness this year, but a much improved performance wasn't enough to prevent Great Melton racing to victory with a very good 40 no from H Cunningham.

Overall a good evening of cricket played in good spirits enjoyed by all.

Chris Sanger - Saham Toney - July 20th 2018

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## **U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Mundford**

With a team including some inexperienced U15s and some more experienced U13s and U11s, Mundford played a full part in an enjoyable cricket match at Tas Valley, from which players on both sides will have gained useful experience.

Choosing to field first, Mundford's only wicket was for Ollie Long who's reward for some accurate line and length bowling was to uproot the middle stump of the potentially dangerous Hal Worley to make it 37-1.

Fellow opener Cam Amis was joined by Ben Way and the pair batted very well together, with a mix of quick singles and stylish boundary drives. Way won the race to 50\* and was replaced by Isaac Birch who hit a couple of crashing 4s before selflessly giving to strike to Amis so that he could also reach his (inaugural) half-century milestone off of the penultimate ball of the innings.

The Mundford reply started in positive fashion with Chris Long and Kyle Norman scoring 23 from the first 4 overs. But the introduction of Ben Harvey into the attack had an immediate impact when he took a fine return catch off of his first ball to remove Long. A catch by Cosford 3 balls later saw the end of O. Long and a further catch by Bird in Harvey's 2nd over did for Rickard.

Harvey's devastating short spell of 2 overs, 1 maiden, 3 wkts for 7 runs included an unfortunate overthrow for 4 when the ball, which was on course to hit the stumps, took a wicked deflection out of the footmarks and wrong-footed everyone.

With scoreboard pressure starting to tell, Norman went for a quick single, but smart work by Way and Birch saw the captain's innings come to a premature end with 28 runs to his name.

Norton, Street, Brown and Rhodes all spent valuable time at the crease, with Birch and Gibson taking a wicket each in the process.

Our thanks for Mundford for fulfilling the fixture when so many of their regular U15s were absent. It was played in the right spirit by both teams and ensured that 16 players, and all the supporters, were able to enjoy an evening of good cricket.

Mark Worley (HTVCC)

July 18th 2018

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### **U13 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Bungay**

Tas lost the toss and were put into bat by Bungay captain Jack McTavish.

Openers Josh Hayes and Charlie English found it difficult to adapt to the pace of the ball, rarely getting the ball off the square in the opening couple of overs. In the 3rd over and still with only 11 on the board Charlie was caught by Thurbon whilst trying to force the pace a little.

Ollie Harvey joined Josh in the middle and the pair set about turning the game around. Lots of quick, some might say suicidal, running had the home crowd nervously biting their nails at times but to their huge credit the pair turned the game around and when Josh was finally bowled in 12th over they had raised the score to 75, largely by taking quick singles with the odd 4 thrown in for good measure.

Once Josh was out the wickets tumbled fairly rapidly but not before Ashton Gricks contributed an entertaining cameo of 6. Tas ended on 93-5 (Hayes 27, Harvey 17). Great bowling figures for James Tennant of 3 for 9 from 3.

With a fairly modest total to defend it was vital for Tas to bowl and field tightly and not give away their usual number of extras. The defence couldn't have started better with Charlie English bowling Fletcher Littlechild first ball. Charlie (6-1 from 2) and Harrison (also 6-1 from 2) restricted the runs extremely well in their opening spells each also taking a wicket.

Bungay looked dangerous in parts but the Tas bowlers could scent a victory if only they could reign in the extras. Ollie Harvey, growing in confidence with each match delivered 2 excellent overs - no extras and only 3 singles taken finishing with 2 over for 3 runs. Steven Linge (11-1 from 2), Oscar Farquhar (14-3 from 2) and Leo Rutland (21-1 from 2) followed suit, each bowling their best overs of the season so far and really making Bungay work for their runs.

But work they started to do. Alfie Thurbon (16) batting at 5 hit a 4 and then struck 2 effortless and huge 6's and had the potential to change the course of the game for Bungay. Unfortunately Oscar's newly developed spin proved Alfie's undoing and he was bowled trying to hit another big shot. At 61-5 in the 10th over it would be difficult for Bungay to turn it around and so it proved. Two further wickets in quick succession saw Bungay fall at 73 all out in the 12th over.

Well played to both teams and thank you to Bungay for a nice evening's cricket.

Sara Worley (Tas) - July 18th 2018

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### **U15 Rocklands v Diss**

On a humid but overcast evening, Rocklands won the toss and elected to bat first. Openers A Thresh and J Taylor sought to continue their fine form with the bat and started well scoring 12 off the first over. However, A Williamson for Diss had other ideas and took the wickets of both Rocklands openers in her first over for just one run. With J Silverstone adding 6 to the score he was dismissed shortly after off the bowling of S Reeve with the ball taking an inside edge on to his pads and rolling on to the stumps. Rocklands finding themselves in a troublesome 22-3 early on. However the partnership of R Garrod and L Paterson saw the runs stack up quickly.

The Rocklands duo continuously rotated the strike taking at least a run a ball whilst scoring numerous boundaries every over. R Garrod would reach 35 before he was dismissed by J Hammod as Rocklands were on 97-4. A Hood came to the crease and hit the first ball he faced for four and ended up on 9\* not out. However, it was L Paterson who held the Rocklands innings together with a tremendous innings. He hit eight boundaries, which included some huge shots all around the ground. Looking to set the highest possible total, L Paterson and A Hood pushed for 2s everywhere they could. L Paterson took full advantage of the final over, with 14 runs off the first 5 balls. With the final ball left to bowl, L Paterson was on 49\* knowing a single would be enough for his first Rocklands 50. Without any hesitation the ball went racing off for four to loud applause from the support from his Rocklands teammates and onlooking parents from the sidelines! L Paterson retiring not out on 53\* and Rocklands finishing their innings on 133-4 off 16 overs.

Diss CC started strongly with the bat bringing up a 50 partnership off the openers before A Williamson was bowled by M Jewson for 12. Shortly after L Paterson took his success with the bat into his bowling taking the wicket of H Skilleter for 2. Rocklands bowlers slowed the run rate with some tidy overs from T Woods, J Silverstone, M Jewson and A Hood. It was A Hood who would take the key wicket of the left handed opener H Nicholls, L Paterson taking the high looping catch at mid-wicket. A good batting display from H Nicholls who ended on 28. R Garrod came on to bowl and in his second over took the wicket of S Reeve who chipped the ball straight in to the safe hands of J Silverstone. In the final over of the game R Garrod bowled a wicket maiden to take the wicket of J Hammond, Diss CC finishing on 76-5. Rocklands winning the game by 57 runs.

Matthew Barnett (Rocklands CC) - July 17th 2018

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### **U9 Gt.Ellingham v Thetford**

Well done to both teams for putting on a most professional and mature performance this evening. The quality of batting, bowling and fielding by both teams was a pleasure to watch.

Gt Ellingham opened the batting scoring 217 runs for 3 wickets off 16 overs. Della should be credited for bowling a maiden over in the match.

After a brief interlude and refreshments Thetford took to batting scoring an equally respectable 155 runs for 6 wickets off 16 overs. Oliver B deserves special mention for taking three wickets off three overs.

Thank you to all that partook in the game and the spectators for your support and encouragement to both teams.

We look forward to playing against you again soon.

M.Sturdivant - Gt.Ellingham - July 17th 2018

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### **U11 Mulbarton v Gt.Ellingham**

Gt Ellingham won the toss and sent Mulbarton into bat. Following a double strike in the second over Ellingham seized control of the game and with some tight bowling restricted Mulbarton to 73.

Knowing that only wickets could save them, Mulbarton started well striking in the second over of the Ellingham innings. However, luck was not on Mulbartons side with two catches going down and three near missing but for a coat of varnish, Ellingham were able to make it home with 3.1 overs remaining. It was an excellently fought game, played out in a tremendous atmosphere.

Duncan Appleby – Mulbarton - July 15th 2018

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### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Gt.Melton Girls**

Invited to bat, the Tas U11s made a nervous start with both openers falling within the first two overs, following some excellent bowling from George and Amelia. The 4th wicket partnership of Alfie and Charlie K steadied the Tas ship, but with some very tight bowling and too many wickets falling, including two disappointing run outs, the total of 52 all out looked a very shaky total to defend. Top scorer for Tas was Alfie with 11 and top bowler for Melton Amelia with figures of 2-1-3-2.

In response, Melton started briskly, with Amelia starting the chase, well supported by Izzy. The Tas opening bowling partnership of Alfie and Alex bowled tightly, but some uncharacteristic loose fielding offered some byes to the total. Joining the game at 10/1, George came to the crease for Melton and proved to be the difference between the sides, knocking an unbeaten 27 and winning the game in 8.3 overs (55-2). Top bowler for Tas was Alex S with figures of 2-1-6-1

A great morning's cricket played in great spirit by both sides. Congratulations to Melton Girls for their first win of the season!

Matt Bird (HTVCC) - July 15th 2018

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### **U11 Gt.Melton v Sprowston**

Use the Force Luke! After losing the toss Melton were put into bat on another glorious morning for cricket. An indifferent start by Melton's top order put the brakes on the fast start usually seen. Economic bowling by Sprowston's opening pair of Josh White and James Atkins created pressure and when Sam McKay fell to White further breakthroughs would follow with the next two batsmen in both failing to make double figures despite good starts. Fortunately opening batsmen Luke "The Anchor" Davies was there to sure up one end and with the addition of George Ryan (26) the pair put on a fantastic 70 run partnership with Luke (30\*) carrying his bat. Johnny Henri on debut ran hard between the wickets squeezing every last run out of the innings. A decent score of 117/4 gave Melton an opportunity to defend but it was held back somewhat by good Sprowston bowling with Yohan topping their figures with 2 for 22.

Opening the batting for Sprowston White was disappointed to be run out by James Alcock with a direct hit from mid-wicket, and despite an excellent square-cut by Atkins Sprowston's opportunities for runs were curtailed by an enthusiastic Melton field. Daniel Whiteley keeping wicket was very tight with the gloves and he was supported by the excellent bowling of Oliver Wormstone (2/4) and Benedict Bailey (1/5). Sam McKay incredibly bowled two wicket maidens in a row and a further run-out by Bailey finished the innings. A great effort in the field by Melton but it was the innings of Luke Davies that sealed the deal and forced the result.

Martin Alcock - Gt.Melton - July 15th 2018

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### **U15 Gt.Melton v Norwich**

Great Melton U15s belatedly kicked off their SNCL campaign with a good 47-run win over Norwich. Invited to bat first on the first overcast and slightly chilly evening for several weeks, Lohit Kannan and Nt Buxton got Melton off to an excellent start with an opening partnership of 99. Both batsmen started slowly but Lohit was quick to punish anything short or wide, despatching the ball to the boundary 7 times in a stylish 50. Nat was content to provide a supporting role but managed to unleash a few of his trademark pulls before being caught at mid-off for 23. With Lohit retiring having reached his half-century and Josh Wright lbw first ball, it was left to Sam Johnson and Ben Fletcher (4 not out) to add a few late runs. The in-form Johnson scored an unbeaten 21 as the pair scampered quick singles and twos to take Melton's score to an impressive 134-2. There were two wickets for Kian McLean (2-0-18-2) but Nathan Whitty (3-0-11-0) was the most impressive of the Norwich bowlers.

Ollie Black struck early to blunt the visitor's response, taking two good catches, first at mid-off to remove Ben Stewart-Miles (1) off Josh Wright (2.4-0-7-1) then off his own bowling to dismiss Matt Whitty (16). Norwich captain Buzz Kemp resisted for a while, scoring 26 before being bowled by Freddie Paterson (2-0-11-1) and Sam Johnson (1-0-4-1) bowled McLean for 11 but Taha Raja, on his debut, was the most impressive of Melton's bowlers, taking 2-8 in his 3 overs as Norwich were bowled out for 87, Angus Marks (15) the last batsman dismissed, run out by Wright.

Some good cricket was played by both sides in a well-contested game.

Steve Phoenix - Gt.Melton - July 12th 2018

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### **U13 Brooke v Mulbarton**

After winning the toss Brooke elected to bat first. Mulbarton pegged them straight back with a wicket in the first over. Edward Cross and Will Utting batted well to take the score to 70 before Edward retired, Will then followed soon after, caught by a sub fielder Brooke lent to Mulbarton!

After some entertaining hitting from Sam Hancock and Miles Bracking , Brooke finished on 183/-4.

In reply Mulbarton lost two wickets in the first over from Ollie Rudling, eventually they were all out for 76.

Andrew Cross – Brooke - July 10th 2018

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### **U13 Norwich v Acle**

Another enjoyable evening of cricket, with two teams filled with happy enthusiastic young cricketers.

Many thanks to Acle for their players and Coach's approach and as always to their well numbered and supportive band of supporters, who joined the Norwich supporters and clapped/encouraged both teams players throughout the match. A great advert for all.

Acle won the toss and elected to bat, their opening pair got them off to a good start putting on 36 for the first wicket. Norwich then began to control their innings with a mixture of good bowling and well placed fielders.

Full value was gained for positive shots, with the scorched outfield making it impossible to chase anything down that passed the inner field. Norwich were to make this count in their innings later.

Another good stand between Acle's opener Finn Adams and Archie Littlewood helped to progress Acle's final total to 120.

Norwich response got off to a flying start with 12 runs in their first over. The innings continued at a pace as they raced to 42 from the first 4 overs. Opener Theo Cooper was making light work of anything loose from the Acle bowlers as he punished width with aplomb. Sam Jackson in at three joined Theo and they continued their confident attack.

Theo soon reached his point of retirement, however for Acle there was no let up in the peace as Kieron Binnie and then Archie Waters both arrived and powered the ball over the boundary on numerous occasions. Norwich batted with positivity throughout their innings and produced a well balanced approach of aggressive shots balanced with intelligent nudges and nudles for singles, resulting in a competent victory for the young Norwich side.

Anon - Norwich CC - July 9th 2018

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### **U13 Gt.Melton v Old Buckenham**

On another surprisingly chilly night (this was much appreciated by the players but not the shorts-wearing supporters) at Melton Park, Great Melton won the toss and elected to bat.

C.Rushton and S.Davey opened the batting and put on a partnership of 54 in 6 overs before R.Wallbank took the wicket of C.Rushton (27) caught W.Waller. Davey, partnered by B.Johnson, went on to score 40 before retiring in the 14th over. Johnson (27\*) and Cooper (4\*) saw out the remaining overs. R.Wallbank finishing on 2-0-16-1 after taking the only wicket of the innings.

With the outfield lightning quick, the score looked very reachable and Old Buckenham made a good start to their innings. N.Muggeridge (34\*) and M.Wright put on a partnership of 46 before Wright (24) was trapped LBW by H.Marsh in the 8th over. With the required run rate beginning to creep up, Old Buckenham continued to bat well until Melton's W.Bailey stepped up to bowl his first over in the 13th over of the innings. 3 wickets in the over - R.Wright (5); W.Everitt (0) and W.Waller (0) - changed the course of the game and Old Buckenham found themselves 84/5. 2 run outs in the final over meant that they were bowled out for 92. Bailey finished with figures of 2-0-10-3 with Rushton 3-0-14-1 and Marsh 2-0-8-1 taking the other wickets.

Maxine Rushton - Gt.Melton - July 9th 2018

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### **U11 Gt.Ellingham v Thetford Town**

Thetford Town CC U11's were the visitors to Great Ellingham in their 5th South Norfolk Cricket League match of the season on a beautiful summer Sunday morning at the Great Ellingham home of cricket.

Thetford Captain Theo Piggott won the toss and chose to bat in glorious conditions, and this decision paid off as opening pair Callum Chisholm and Megan Haynes struck the ball powerfully to all parts of the ground, with Chisholm eventually retiring on 32. The next batter in was captain Piggott who began his innings a bit more cautiously, which then allowed other opener Megan Haynes to show her striking power; driving and cutting the ball to the boundary at will. However the Ellingham attack fought back with a good ball from Ryan which bowled Haynes around her legs for a brisk 20. This brought Cooper Pearson to the crease who again confidently hit his first ball for 4. This was a sign of things to come as he continued to strike the ball straight and through the mid wicket area. He also retired for a brilliant 30 which included a magnificent 6, high over the square leg boundary. Harry Hopkins was unfortunately bowled (again by Ryan) for 1, which brought Beau Lewandoski to the crease. Both he and Piggott batted very intelligently running quick singles and then hitting beautifully struck boundaries both finishing unbeaten with Lewandoski on 1 and Piggott a fine 26. Final total Thetford 158 for 2 from their allotted 16 overs.

Great Ellingham started cautiously with Joe trying to scamper quick singles off of the bowling of debutant Rodrigo Rodrigues. After a difficult previous game Dylan Cumming opened the bowling at the other end and was an absolute revelation bowling 3 well controlled overs and only conceding 4 runs which included the wicket of Ellingham opener Joe for 2. Next bowler was Jacob Thomas who bowled well to bowl other opener Joe Flat for 2 runs. Thetford were now in the ascendancy which culminated in a fantastic run out from Theo Piggott with a clean pick up and direct hit at the stumps. Praise must be given to Thetford wicketkeeper Ollie Byford who was superb behind the stumps with great hands and superb movement.

Isaac was joined at the crease by Jacob, however he did not stay long as he was bowled for 0 by a beautiful away swinging delivery from Lewandoski. Great Ellingham were always behind the run rate and although Jacob kept the scoreboard ticking along it was not enough to keep the momentum needed. Jacob was next to go as he was bowled by Harry Hopkins for a superb 24 runs.

Ollie and Stacey continued to bat sensibly, to move the score past 80, but with overs running out and the target looking further and further away the Great Ellingham score finished on 87 for 5, resulting in a 71 run victory for Thetford.

This was a wonderfully natured match with plenty of local and opposition support in glorious conditions. Thanks to Emma Piggott for scoring.

Nimmi Indian Restaurant Thetford Player of the Match was Dylan Cumming for his brilliant all bowling performance.

Micky Piggott - Thetford

On a hot and sunny Sunday morning Great Ellingham hosted Thetford with Thetford winning the toss and electing to bat.

Thetford batted very well with Callum and Megan putting on a great first wicket partnership. before Megan being bowled for 20 and Callum going on to retire hitting 33\*. Theo and Cooper carried on where the openers had started with Theo being not out 26 and Cooper retiring on 30\*. there was some cracking bowling and fielding from Great Ellingham with a mention to Jacob and Ryan (GE) With there bowling figures being 3-1-0-14 and 3-0-2-27.

In reply Great Ellingham could never quite get to the required run rate however there were some outstanding shots played by all batsmen with a mention to Jacob for hitting some lovely 4s on his way to 24 before being bowled. and two cracking 4s for Ollie one straight back from where it came from. A mention to Dillion from Thetford and Jacob Thetford for there figures of 3-1-1-4 and 3-0-2-12

A game played by both teams in the correct way. A pleasure to watch and be on the field with both teams coming off with a smile.

John - Great Ellingham - July 9th 2018

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### **U11 Gt.Melton Girls v Horsford**

Both teams fielded a side with 6 girls and 2 boys. It was great experience for the Melton girls to be able to play another team where the majority of players were girls. Even though they lost the game, it was an enjoyable (and very warm) morning for all.

As Horsford only had 7 players, R.Borges stepped in for the first innings to keep wicket for Horsford and took an early run out (C.Leinster - 1) after a great throw in from his sister B.Borges. S.Alanoor (8\*) and L.Davies (11\*) took the score to 51 before retiring after the 8th over. A.Hood then bowled N.Rushton and T.Albery took the wicket of K.Cooper caught by G.Hanworth-

Knights. Another run out by B.Borges - a direct hit this time (A.Thakur - 1), meant that Melton finished on 65/4 after 16 overs. P.Bugg (2\*) and R.Davey (0\*).

Melton took to the field with rookie keeper N.Rushton keeping well behind the stumps. Horsford reached the target of 66 in the 11th over but with both team managers keen to give the players experience, we played out the 16 overs. B.Borges (20\*) top scored for Horsford with contributions from M.Hanworth-Knights (6); E.Bacon (1); T.Albery (10\*); A.Hood (1); G.Hanworth-Knights (13\*) and J.Albery (12\*). Pick of Melton's bowlers was P.Bugg 2-0-7-2. A sharp run out from S.Alanoor meant the visitors finished on 106/3 after the full 16 overs had been played.

Maxine Rushton - Gt.Melton - July 9th 2018

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### **U11 Mattishall v Acle**

On a very warm Sunday morning, Mattishall hosted Acle and won the toss and elected to field.

A good opening spell by Oli Spurgeon and Bryce Stoltz restricted the early momentum of the Acle team. However some good patient batting and hard hitting by Acle saw them reach 73 for 4 in their 16 overs.

Mattishall started well in reply with Bryce Stoltz playing aggressively and reaching 33 before retiring. Oli Spurgeon made a solid contribution with 14 before William Carter and Tiernan Sullivan carried Mattishall across the line to finish on 76 for 4.

Game was played in good spirit by both teams with some valuable lessons learnt by all.

Michael Hall – Mattishall - July 9th 2018

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### **U13 Gt.Melton v Gt.Ellingham**

Great Ellingham won the toss and put Great Melton in to bat. A quick start to the innings by C.Rushton and J.Cooper put 23 runs on before an early wicket fell - Rushton (12) caught behind after just 1.4 overs. Cooper and H.Cunningham carried on the high scoring innings before Cooper retired for 41 in the 9th over. P.Thomas and H.Marsh were both dismissed in succession by P.Bramford without scoring and the wicket of T.Barnard fell shortly - bowled by F.Cooper. H.Cunningham (40\*) retired shortly after and the crease was occupied by B.Johnson (37\*) and M.Badimela (43\* off 13 balls). Melton finished on 199/4.

With a large total to chase, Ellingham batted well - defending the straight ball and dispatching any balls that were slightly wayward. W.Ewin batted through the 16 overs and finished on 25\* with the total score 62/3.

Maxine Rushton - Gt.Melton - July 9th 2018

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### **U11 Brooke v Gt.Melton**

The u11s traveled to Brooke on Wednesday evening for their third encounter in the SNCL. Batting first Melton were out of the blocks with electric pace. With captain Daniels Graves playing the anchor role at one end, Blade Earley (30\*) and then James Alcock (33\*) both retired after facing only about 12 balls each. After a decent knock of his own Daniel (10) was run-out with Melton pushing the run-rate further. George Alcock (27) and Noah Moore (17) continued the scoring before both were run-out again unselfishly pushing every run to max. Charlie Hosmer and Sam McKay finished off the last few remaining balls with some neat singles with George Ryan still in the shed - he would have to express himself with ball in hand !

Brooke are an impressive team and were lead well by Harry Grove, Melton knew they would need to be tight in the field to protect their score. Blade (2/12) made an early breakthrough with a fantastic caught and bowled before that man George Ryan made significant in-roads taking two wickets in two balls. Backed with intelligent fielding George's accurate bowling really pinned the home side down and a further wicket gave him figures of 3/9 off three overs. Charlie took a wicket with Blade making a good catch as Brooke looked to counter with James Orford (17) giving good support to Brooke skipper, having previously retired on 30 Grove came back in to push his own score to an excellent half-century (51\*) before he finally lost his batting partners as Melton's excellent fielding produced a run-out (Charlie) for the final wicket. A deserved victory by Melton but an excellent game of cricket with contributions from all players.

Martin Alcock - Gt.Melton - July 9th 2018

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### **U13 Mulbarton v Hethersett & Tas Valley**

Assured of the most convivial of games against our next door neighbours, Mulbarton's year 7 group didn't disappoint. An opening stand of 110 by Lambert (20) and Greenwood (31 no) epitomised just how far this young team has travelled this season. Undaunted by our three run outs last week, they scuttled the quick singles whenever possible ending the innings on 113. Tas bowled and fielded solidly, none conceding more than fifteen runs off their respective spells as the run rate slowed towards the end of Mulbarton's innings with some testing deliveries at the death.

But Tas' openers were also up to the task with both Worley and English retiring unbeaten on 40 before Whitehead arrived at the crease to deliver a highly entertaining 16no and steer his team past the target with nine balls to spare. Mulbarton's fielding continued its improvement and again Page was the pick of the attack with solid contributions from the others. Godfrey-Brigham was the only wicket taker with Greenwood comfortably catching Hayes (5) off his bowling.

A wonderful evening's cricket. Well done everyone.

Joe Harris – Mulbarton - July 3rd 2018

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### **U13 Rocklands v Mattishal**

A good match between two well balanced teams on a lovely sunny morning. Rocklands made 90 off their 16 overs with Flynn Crosthwaite retiring on 40 and Ben Barlow making 21 not out.

In reply Mattishal started brightly but were unlucky to lose key batsmen at the wrong time to some tidy Rocklands bowling. Mattishal kept trying and were always in the hunt but eventually ran out of wickets in the penultimate over. Many thanks to the visitors for a nice game played in good spirits.

Martin Walker –Rocklands - July 2nd - Rocklands

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### **U9 Sprowston v Gt.Melton**

Batting first in glorious sunshine, the Melton batters struggled against accurate Sprowston bowling. Alice Brand hit a lovely straight 4, and George Alcock was unlucky to miss out on a 50, finishing on 44 which included 10 boundaries. Melton lost six wickets in their innings, with 5 people being bowled. In the break, we talked about the importance of playing with a straight bat to anything that is bowled at the stumps.

All the Melton bowlers tried their best, but were unlucky to take any wickets. Alice again bowled well and finished with 3-1-12-0. Callum Marcham was excellent behind the stumps, and despite the night getting chilly, Melton kept trying through to the end. Sprowston finished on 0-117, and ran out winners.

Chris McKay - Gt.Melton - June 29th 2018

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### **U13 Gt.Melton v Horsford**

A close game played between 2 evenly matched teams on a surprisingly cold evening at Melton Park. Horsford won the toss and elected to field. C.Rushton and J.Graves opened the batting for Melton but lost an early wicket of J.Graves (1) caught W.Johnson bowled G.Eggett. A partnership then formed between Rushton (32\*) and Johnson (32\*) before both retired. The next wicket of B.Gaskin (2) fell at 116 - bowled O.Durrant and he took another shortly after bowling H.Cunningham (11). A.Sutton (2\*) and J.Ballam (1\*) took the score to 119/3 at the end of 16 overs. O.Durrant 2-0-8-2 and G.Eggett 2-0-16-1

Horsford opened their batting with P.De Lange and G.Jackson and another early wicket fell - P.De Lange (3) trapped LBW by H.Cunningham. E.Metcalf came in and needed just 19 balls to score 32\* and retire. The game was always looking close and the next wicket of G.Eggett (13) was the result of an excellent run out with a direct hit thrown in from the boundary by J.Graves. With the score at 85/2 the play-cricket scoring app was predicting a drawn result. Tight bowling from H.Cunningham and B.Johnson and 2 wickets for J.Graves meant that the visitors were not quite able to cross the line and finished 7 runs short - W.Johnson (12\*) and O.Durrant (1\*) still at the crease when the match finished. J.Graves 3-1-7-2 and H.Cunningham 3-1-4-1.

Maxine Rushton - Gt.Melton - June 28th 2018

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### **U13 Norwich v Mulbarton**

Mulbarton lost Nanayakkara run out off the first ball of the innings before Lambert (12) and Reilly (4) shared a decent stand of 32 before Lambert too was caught short of his ground. Even with the lightning fast outfield, the runs came slowly against Norwich's organised attack. Mulbarton were waiting for the lesser bowlers to arrive but this never really materialised. Beeson clubbed his way to an entertaining 11 before being bowled by Stewart-Miles (1-4), while Page (1) was caught off the bowling of Rawlings (1-11). A stylish cameo by Greenwood (11no), including a couple of well struck boundaries, ended the innings with Mulbarton posting 76. Apart from Stewart-Miles, already mentioned, Cooper, Kantam (1-8) and Jackson were the pick of the Norwich attack.

Cooper (28no) threatened to end the game within six overs before he was sportingly retired by Norwich and from then on it became more of an even contest. But with only a further 35 required after Cooper left the field, the game was up. Mulbarton though stuck to their task and there were wickets for Nanayakkara (1 for 5) and Greenwood (1 for 10) who also took another good catch, while Page and Harrison both bowled well, the whole team conceding only 11 extras, a huge improvement on their previous efforts. For Norwich, Binnie (16no) and Rawlings (9no) guided their team over the winning line in the eleventh over to end an extremely enjoyable fixture played under blue skies and watched by a vociferous and supportive crowd.

JH – Mulbarton - June 27th 2018

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### **U11 Gt.Melton v Mattishall**

When Vauxhall Mallards called off very late it was more in hope than expectation that Great Melton manager Chris McKay contacted Mattishall to see if their U9s could play a SNCL fixture postponed earlier in the season. Mattishall very kindly agreed and both teams were able to enjoy a good game of cricket on a lovely warm evening in the beautiful surroundings of Melton Park.

There was little to choose between the teams except Melton had George Alcock! George took 2-12, and an excellent catch as Mattishall reached 157-7 (122 net) then scored 38 not out as Melton won by 55 runs. Owen Ward scored 5 & William Moulton 3 as Melton, helped by 41 wides, finished on 192-3 (177 net). There were 2 wickets for Nathan Collins & 1 each for Rupert Beasley and Owen Ward. Olly Roberson took 2-17 for Mattishall

Steve Phoenix - Gt.Melton - June 26th 2018

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### **U11 Acle v Horsford**

Another hot & Sunny morning with Horsford turning up at Acle at 9:15am for a 10:30 start....Keen or what ? Football fans perhaps hoping to finish proceedings early so as to watch England demolish Panama (Hindsight).

Awaab Raja (Acle) retired on 30 (31 balls) for the second match running that he has played in. But was overshadowed by Fergus Robb (Horsford) who retired on 30 off 21 balls, which was not the only difference between the two sides: Horsford bowling 27 wides ( which means you can't score off the bat) Acle bowled only 16 wides , so for the second week in a row , despite bowling less wides , Acle lost a very enjoyable game, by a very small margin but played in a very convivial manner.

Quorn Handley - June 25th 2018

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### **U11 Brooke v Mattishall**

Having won the toss Brooke captain Harry Grove put Mattishall into bat. The Brooke bowlers bowled superbly and took wickets regularly to contain the run rate. Brooke only bowled 6 wides in total and bowled out Mattishall for 64 runs in the 14th over. There were 3 terrific catches taken and a run out from a direct throw from the boundary by keeper Thomas Bush. Oscar Baker took 2 wickets for 8 runs and there was a wicket each for James Purling-smith, Toby and Barnaby Grieve and James Orford.

In reply Brooke got off to a cracking start with opening pair Harry Grove (17 not out) and Thomas Bush(23) piling on the runs with regular boundaries. Thomas was run out by a direct throw and Brooke lost James Orford for a duck to the bowling of Bryce Stoltz. Harry Grove scored the winning boundary in the 10th over.

Richard Grove – Brooke - June 25th 2018

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### **U9 Saxlingham v Garboldisham**

A great spirited game, and full credit to Garboldisham.

Hugo Chapman Emms led the team, and led by example with the ball taking 3 for 10 off his 3 overs , and supported brilliantly by Sam Blincoe 2-8 of 3, Sam and Hugo Followed up some brilliant bowling with 14no and 9no respectively.

Jake Emms lead a fightback scoring 15 for Garboldisham.

Craig Neave – Saxlingham - June 24th 2018

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### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Norwich**

Tas captain Jacob won the toss and elected to bat. After a positive start with some good running between the wickets, the wickets soon began to fall, with 5 players failing to progress beyond one run. Norwich bowlers Harry and Owen both picked up two wickets each, with the latter doing so from one over, conceding only two runs. Tas' total of 46 looked to be a little short on a lightning outfield and so it proved.

In response, Norwich started cautiously, with Jacob and Aidan both bowling tight spells. Aidan collecting one wicket for a single run from his two over spell. Opening bat Micky kept the scoreboard ticking over for Norwich and rotated strike well, before eventually falling for the match's top score of 13. Despite a valiant effort with the ball, Tas' score was chased down by the Norwich team within 11 overs and for the loss of only 3 wickets.

The game was played in great spirit by both sides and proved an enjoyable morning for all.

Matt Bird - Tas Valley - June 24th 2018

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### **U11 Thetford v Rocklands**

Thetford u11s entertain Rocklands on a bright sunny morning. Thetford won the toss and bowled 1st. Tight bowling from the start by all the bowlers kept Rocklands to a total of 76.

1 wicket apiece for Cooper Pearson and Harry Hopkins the highlights of a fabulous fielding display. Thetford batted sensibly in reply with Callum Chisholm and Morgan Haynrs rotating the strike and running well between the wickets. All the batsmen perform excellently all batting around Megan who carried her bat to see Thetford home with 5 overs to spare. A great team performance by all involved.

Craig Baulch – Thetford - June 24th 2018

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### **U13 Saham Toney v Gt.Ellingham**

Put into bat Saham put on 157/4, with the two openers, Jamie Sanger (43 retired) and Joseph McCarthy (31) setting up a solid base for the innings hitting 17 fours between them.

Great Ellingham responded with 109/4 from their 16 overs.

Both teams had younger and less experienced players that gained from a good natured enjoyable game.

Chris Sanger - Saham Toney - June 20th 2018

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### **U11 Gt.Melton v Acle**

A very competitive match at Melton Park was narrowly won by the home side thanks to a workman-like innings from Gt Melton captain Daniel Graves.

After Acle captain Johnny Shaw opted to bat, he steered his team to a competitive 100 run total largely due to his outstanding 30 not out plus good support from Thomas Ashman (24 not out). Gt Melton's fielding was a little off-colour but wickets were taken by Daniel Graves (1/12) and George Ryan (1/11).

In reply Gt Melton initially had no answer to the accurate bowling of Acle's two openers Shaw (1/12) and Ben Skoyles (1/18) and with the addition of three run-outs early wickets tumbled, however a good partnership between Graves and Joel Fox resurrected the home sides chances. After Fox lost his wicket for 7 runs Sam Mackay was the last man in and needing 30 plus runs for the victory he and Graves (38 not out) just managed to steer Gt Melton home to the tightest of victories.

Both captains led from the front and marshaled their teams well. A credit to their clubs and the game of cricket.

Martin Alcock - Gt.Melton - June 18th 2018

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### **U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Gt.Ellingham**

HTVCC won the toss and batted first, with Hal Worley (51\*) and Jack Gibson (50\*) putting on 94 before Jack retired. Hal's retirement followed soon after with both batsmen having played an array of stylish shots. Handy contributions from Cam Amis, Leo Sargent and Aston Cosford saw the home team reach an impressive 162 from their 16 overs.

Unfortunately Great Ellingham never got going with the bat and some miserly bowling by the Tas players saw a steady stream of wickets fall. Ben Harvey (2 for 4) and Worley (2 for 6) headlined and the dangerous-looking Sam Dyer was undone by a brilliant piece of fielding by Ben Way who threw down the stumps when a run seemed certain. Another run-out, courtesy of a good chase and throw by Cosford and some skilful/lucky footwork by 'keeper Amis typified the misfortune of the visitors. Alex Bird conceded just a single and captain Gibson even less for his 1 wicket, with the experienced Tas team proving too strong for their relatively young opponents.

Mark Worley - Tas Valley - June 14th 2018

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### **U15 Norwich v Cringleford Lodge**

Cringleford opener S Palmer got them off to a good start and a really worthy lower order 28 from J Taylor helped Cringleford post 98. Norwich bowled well throughout the innings and picked up regular wickets to stem the flow of runs.

Norwich opening pair then set about the chase in a methodical, steady manner. A Marks played the holding role allowing Nathan Whitty to be more expressive with his shot making, whilst still playing intelligent cricket. Nathan went on to gain a deserved 50, after pacing his innings extremely well. This allowed Ben Stewart-Miles and Buzz Kemp both to come in and complete the run chase with the loss of one wicket.

Simon Brister – Norwich - June 13th 2018

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### **U13 Mulbarton v Topcroft**

Leaden skies and a biting northerly greeted visitors Topcroft for Mulbarton's second U13 fixture of the season and, put into bat by the home side, they made a decent start to their innings with solid knocks from Oscar (7) and Owen (16) before Reeder (39 no) provided a classic masterclass of how it should be done. Mulbarton didn't help themselves however with an extras count twice that of their previous game and the fielding lacking much of the energy so evident before; a sharp catch by Greenwood the only highlight. Topcroft accelerated towards the end of the innings, adding 33 off the last four overs, as Mulbarton let the game slip away from them. Page was the pick of the bowlers conceding just 3 runs from his 2 overs.

In reply, Mulbarton struggled against an organised attack less liberal with extras and were well behind the rate right from the start. By the halfway stage, with only 31 on the board, the game was up. Page (12) batted well for his club debut well supported for a while by Lambert (11), but on the night Topcroft were simply the better team and ran out worthy winners by 36 runs.

Joe Harris – Mulbarton - June 13th 2018

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### **U17 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Garboldisham**

Garboldisham won the toss and chose to bat, with an outstanding, and comfortable 162-run opening partnership (T Culling - 93 and O Campbell - 60\*). The one wicket for Tas came for A Sutherland, where I Birch took and brilliant diving catch.

Tas openers T Worley and J Gibson began their innings promisingly, being 37-0 after the first 4 overs. In the end, the crucial wicket never came for Garboldisham, as Worley and Gibson saw Tas over the line to reach a seemingly impossible target, with just two balls left to bowl.

Tom Worley - Tas Valley - June 12th 2018

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### **U13 Brooke v Acle**

After winning the toss Brooke choose to bat first. After the early loss of Harry Ford, Edward Cross and Joseph Holmes added 70 runs before Edward had to retire on 41. Will Utting provided a late boast hitting a quick fire 28. Not out, Joseph Holmes finishing on 36 not out.

Acle started positively with Finn Andrews hitting 37 before he became one of Harry Ford's two wickets, Brooke ended up winning by 52 runs.

Andrew Cross – Brooke - June 12th 2018

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### **U11 Acle v Gt.Melton Girls**

History was made today when Acle U11 hosted Great Melton Girls U11 , which was played a week late as last Sunday a thunderstorm put paid to a match before a ball was bowled.

First , The total of 16 players from both sides included 11 girls (3 from Acle) ,

Second , neither side lost a single wicket :

Third , there was NO dropped catches

Ben Skoyles (Acle) reached 33no & retired and a total of 5 players out of 14 from both sides did not bowl a single wide.

The standard of Cricket was exceptionally high compared to the standard 3 years ago.

A thoroughly enjoyable and amicable afternoon. Cricket is the Winner

Quorn Handley – Acle - June 11th 2018

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### **U9 Gt.Ellingham v Saxlingham**

Gt Ellingham won the toss and opted to bowl first.

Saxlingham came out of the traps flying, with their opening pair of T. Trick and I. Mayhew scoring seven runs without loss during their stint at the crease. Saxlingham's final score was a very respectable 194 runs for 6 wickets off 16 overs.

Jasper Cooper (Gt. Ellingham CC) had the best bowling figures with 8 runs and 3 wickets off 2 overs.

After a brief refreshment break and what proved to be a winning team talk by the Saxlingham coach Craig Neave, Gt Ellingham took up the post of batting.

Gt Ellingham team played really well and despite their best efforts, they narrowly missed out on a win at this outing. Their final score was 150 runs for 6 wickets off 16 overs. Stand out bowler for Saxlingham was J. Blackhouse with 7 runs and 2 wickets off 3 overs.

Thank you to both teams and parents for an exciting morning of cricket. We look forward to a rematch soon.

M Sturdivant - Gt.Ellingham - June 11th 2018

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### **U13 Saham Toney v Old Buckenham**

Saham won the toss and decided to put Old Buck in to bat on a cold, dark, drizzly summers evening. OB racked up a good total of 120 for 2 with opener Wight retiring with a 40, and J Sanger picking up a couple of wickets for ST in the last over.

ST replied with 53 for 5 off their 16 overs. ST suffered a bit with it being their first game of the season, and gave away a few too many extras and wickets. OB put in a good solid performance and came out the deserved winners.

Chris Sanger - Saham Toney - June 6th 2018

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### **U11 Thetford Town v Mundford**

Thetford Town CC U11's entertained Mundford in their 2nd SNCL match of the season on a beautiful summer Sunday morning at the Thetford home of cricket.

Thetford Captain Theo Piggott won the toss and opted to bat in glorious conditions, but again Thetford got off to a poor start as opening batter Jacob Thomas was clean bowled for 0 by a beautiful delivery from Mundford Captain Ollie Long. This brought Thetford's Cooper Pearson to the crease who did not match the brilliance of last week's efforts and was caught behind for 1 attempting to pull the short pitched delivery from Tyler. The next batter in was captain Theo Piggott who again began his innings cautiously, which then allowed other opener Callum Chisholm to push the score along. However with some tight Mundford bowling and some missed opportunities the Thetford score slowed to a crawl and Piggott was next to go trying to hit out - caught off the bowling of Yates for 7. Megan Haynes came to the crease with 3 balls of the inning left and managed to score a 5 when a scampered single went for 4 overthrown runs. Callum Chisholm managed to 'carry his bat' for the entire Thetford innings and remained unbeaten on 27. Final total for Thetford was 90 for 3 from their allotted 16 overs.

Mundford started their innings brightly with a beautiful cover drive for 4 from Captain Ollie Long from the bowling of Pearson. However this was short lived as Ollie was brilliantly caught by wicketkeeper Ollie Byford for 5 from the bowling of Haynes. Harry then joined other opener Joe at the crease and kept the scoreboard ticking over with scampered quick singles off of the tight and accurate bowling of Piggott and Haynes. However this was costly as it resulted in the run out of opener Harry for 12 - a brilliant pick up and throw to the bowler by Callum Chisholm.

Joe was joined at the crease by Tyler, however he did not stay long as he was bowled for 1 by a beautiful away swinging delivery from Chisholm that clipped the off stump. Mundford were always ahead the run rate and despite 3 useful over by Euan Sheridan, Joe and Tyler S kept the scoreboard ticking along to keep the momentum needed. However another run out by Chisholm saw the end of Tyler S for 8 which made the last few overs a little tense

But with 2 overs to go and the target looking closer and closer the Mundford score passed Thetford's 90, finishing on 91 for 4 resulting in a 3 wicket victory for Mundford.

This was again a wonderfully natured match with plenty of local and opposition support in glorious conditions. Thanks again to Emma Piggott for scoring and our new sponsor Mr Rouf, owner of Nimmi Indian Restaurant, Thetford.

Nimm Resturant Player of the Match was Callum Chisholm for a superb unbeaten 27, 1 wicket for 7 runs and 2 outstanding run outs - a brilliant all round performance.

Mick Piggott – Thetford - June 4th 2018

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### **U9 Topcroft v Saxlingham**

Topcroft lost the toss and Saxlingham choose the bowl. Topcroft had the task of setting a total on which looked like they were up to the task. After the first 4 overs the score had rushed to 134-0, then the score slowed but the runs keep coming. Saxlingham had to wait till the final over to get there one and only wicket with Topcroft finishing on 189-1. With K Cook and O James both getting in to double figures.

Saxlingham backed up their choice to bowl with a good fielding display and great sprit throughout. Pick of the bowlers was W English bowling 2 overs, 1 maiden for 4 runs.

Saxlingham in reply to Topcroft's total were up to the task and ran well with great calling between the wickets to Topcroft's surprise for the first 4 overs. Saxlingham carried this on throughout the innings always looking to score quick singles and rotating the strike. This was a pleasure to see a team not trying to hit boundaries but working together.

Topcroft's bowlers worked hard and managed to bowl in areas that slowed the Saxlingham chase, however Saxlingham were steadily adding runs to the total.

Going in to the final 4 overs with Saxlingham on 177-2 they were in a very good position, needing just 18 off 4 overs, advantage Saxlingham.

Over number 13 K Cook bowls and gets 2 wickets, pushing the balance back between the two sides, which way will this one end, any team could win?

Over 14 J Betney bowls and takes another wicket giving Topcroft the advantage.

Over 15 & 16 saxlingham only able to score 3 runs in each over, and the final over finishing with a run out and Saxlingham close their innings on 194-6. The pick of Topcroft's bowlers K Cook 3 overs 14 runs for 3 wickets.

Topcroft won this game but both teams played the game the right way with smiles on their faces, trying their very best to make the large group of parents watching from the boundary very proud, which they did.

Well done to both teams and every child a good close game to watch and be involved in, which could have gone either way.

Mark Whiting – Topcroft - June 4th 2018

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### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Horsford**

On a hot and humid morning at Tas, Horsford won the toss and elected to bat.

A tight opening over resulted in wicket maiden to start the match and despite some economical bowling from the first 3 bowlers, Ben Hawes played stylishly, retiring having reached 31, including 5 boundaries. Number 3 batsman Arthur Butterworth contributed 24 n.o leaving Horsford with a very useful total of 86-3 off their 16 overs. James Ellis (2-1-5-1) and Alex Saling (3-0-10-1) were the pick of the Tas bowlers.

In reply, the opening Tas pair made a solid start, until losing a wicket in the 3rd over. Sourish Brahma and Jacob-Coglin Hibbert built up a solid platform until losing the second wicket in the 12th over. Despite some very economic bowling, Tas posted 55-3 in reply, with Sourish Brahma the pick of the Tas batsman, with a battling 26 n.o. Matthew Beaven (2-0-9-1) and Henry West (3-1-9-1) were the pick of the bowlers, with some very economic back up.

Ultimately, Horsford's faster scoring rate was the difference between the two sides, but the match was closely contested and played in great spirit by the teams, both of whom were fielding a mix of experience. A great morning's cricket!

Matt Bird (HTVCC) - June 4th 2018

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### **U13 Rocklands v Diss**

Diss batted first and Rocklands couldn't have started much better as Ben B took a wicket with his second ball. Diss then batted steadily with Reeve and Captain Skilleter to the fore but Rocklands managed to keep things pegged back with Ralph F taking a wicket with his first ball of the season and then Lewis C did likewise in his first over. Diss number 4 Browne batted very nicely to a top score of 18 before she was superbly run out by Ben B who threw down the stumps with just one to aim at. A couple of tight last overs, including a wicket for Sam B, kept Diss just under the hundred at 96 for 5 off 16 overs. The innings also saw a tidy display of keeping from Ben E who took the gloves for the first time this season, and Under 11 Archie M who showed his undoubted promise with two tidy overs of left arm leg spin.

In reply Rocklands started slowly against some accurate bowling from all the Diss bowlers. After Archie was out, Fred G and Benjamin E played positively before Fred was bowled for 13. Benjamin was unluckily stumped for 9 when the ball rebounded off the keeper onto the stumps. This brought Alfie W and Ben B together and Alfie took the lead in striking the ball to all parts. His innings of 20 threatened to get Rocklands close but a steady final over saw the hosts finish 16 short. There were wickets for Browne, Harley, Reeve and J. Fairweather.

Martin Walker – Rocklands - June 1st 2018

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### **U9 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Gt.Melton**

With both teams short of players the match was treated by both sides as an opportunity for these new players to learn and so the result was very much secondary to creating a positive experience for the players. There was plenty of on field coaching and advice throughout and the players responded to this. Thank you to our visitors Gt Melton for a very enjoyable couple of hours cricket.

Tas U9s batted first getting off to a great start through openers Will and Suvir who finished on 26 for no loss, with Will showcasing some powerful hitting and ably supported by Suvir in running a couple of 2's. Several 4's were followed by a huge 6 which surprised the spectators. Rayyan and Luke as 2nd pair batted well together with good awareness only losing 1 wicket between them. Luke and Finley as 3rd pair continued in the same vein despite some good pacey bowling and again added runs for the loss of only 1 wicket. 4th pair of Finley and Will moved the score on again with some good running and several 4's to end the innings on 195-2 (185).

The Gt Melton bowling was very good with great accuracy and variety displayed by Niamh, Jack and Owen in particular. Of the 195 runs scored at the close, 61 had come off the bat which was testament to the number of good balls being bowled.

Gt Melton's innings started carefully as opening bowler Will's accurate pace attack produced a wicket maiden. Finley, delivered his best bowling to date but Callum and Owen worked well together taking a couple of singles and Callum hitting a lovely 4. 2nd pair Niamh and Rebecca lost a wicket in their 1st over (bowled by Rayyan) but thereafter exhibited some careful shots and safe running as bowlers Rayyan and Suvir bowled 4 very accurate overs.

3rd pair Archie and Jack helped the score along with some well hit shots and quick singles for no loss. Jack and Henry as 4th pair still had plenty of work to do and so took all of the opportunities presented to them adding plenty of 1s and 2s but Will and Suvir took another wicket each undoing Jack and Henry's good work. Gt Melton finished on 142-4 (122).

Sara Worley (Tas) - May 31st 2018

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### **U15 Rocklands v Garboldisham**

Rocklands CC hosted Garboldisham CC in their first home SNCL game of the season, with the visitors winning the toss and electing to bat. Openers Thorne and Norman got off to a flying start, with D Thorne retiring on a well deserved 50\* not out. However, Rocklands managed to slow the run rate with a solid end to their fielding performance. Cunningham joined the crease and his 9\* with Norman's 24\* meant Garboldisham finished on 95-0 off 16 overs.

In response Rocklands openers Thresh and Garrod looked to start as Garboldisham had and thankfully for the home team, they did just that. A fine innings from the pair saw Thresh retire not out with 50\* and Garrod bat through to the end with 29\*. Webster joined the crease and a quick 11\* was topped off with a 4 to win the game for Rocklands in the 14th over. Rocklands finishing on 99-0 off 14 overs.

Matthew Barnett (RCC) - May 31st 2018

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### **U15 Old Buckenham v Mundford**

Old Buckenham won the toss and chose to bat. Openers Dan Bint & Josh Heaton got the game off to a rapid start with an opening partnership of 86 in 10 overs before both fell to Martins in the same over Bint for 32 & Heaton for 44. A quickfire 14 from William Waller helped to boost the final score to 113 before Mundford took the field.

The Mundford openers got their team off to a quick start but once Wakefield had been bowled for 15 it was left to their skipper Norman to carry the side until he was run out for a fine 42.

Reggie Mears, Walker Everitt and Dan Bint were the pick of the Buckenham bowling with William Waller making a fine debut behind the stumps.

Chris Dalton (OBCC) - May 30th 2018

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### **U13 Brooke v Lowestoft Town**

A very good game played in the right spirit. Lowestoft were asked to bat first and made 134 in their allotted overs. Openers George Simms and George Taylor both retiring on 40.

Brooke in reply ended 7 runs short, the game was in the balance right up to the last over which was well bowled by Billy Hutchinson. Edward Cross also retired on 40 for Brooke.

Andrew Cross (BCC) - May 30th 2018

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### **U11 Mulbarton v Topcroft**

Losing the toss Mulbarton were sent into the field. Swiftly getting through their overs Mulbarton kept the Topcroft scoring to a steady rate and some good fielding cut off a few boundaries. James A top scored with 32 for Topcroft, with Sam B taking the only wicket for Mulbarton. Topcroft finished on 104 - 1.

Mulbarton's innings got off to a rapid start with the first ball going for four. Two key innings saw Mulbarton make steady progress toward the required 105 run target. Morgan, opening the batting scored 20 and Hiruja made 33. Moving into the final three overs Mulbarton required 15 runs. An attacking intent from young Hiruja resulted in 15 runs coming in one over. Into the 15th over Hiruja struck the first ball for 4 and had to retire at 33. Mulbarton sealed victory on the 4th ball of the over.

Great performance with some fine displays from both teams.

Duncan Appleby (MCC) - May 28th 2018

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### **U11 Mattishall v Hethersett & Tas Valley**

Mattishall won the toss and opted to bowl first. After a good start, some excellent Mattishall bowling pegged Hethersett back to 27 for 6. The final pair of Hethersett rallied adding 33 runs before being all out for 60. Bryce Stoltz for Mattishall. bowled particularly well with 3 wickets for 2 runs.from 3 overs

In reply Mattishall played steadily and passed their target without the loss of a wicket. Some solid bowling and fielding ensured Mattishall had to work for the win, with strong fielding from Hethersett. Some good cricket played all round.

Michael Hall (MCC) - May 28th 2018

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### **U11 Garboldisham v Thetford**

Thetford Town CC U11's were the visitors to Garboldisham in their 1st South Norfolk Cricket League match of the season on a beautiful summer Sunday morning at the Garboldisham home of cricket.

Thetford Captain Theo Piggott lost the toss and was asked to bat in glorious conditions, and initially this decision paid off for the opposition as opening batter Dylan Cumming was clean bowled for 1. This brought Thetford's newest star Cooper Pearson to the crease who confidently hit his first ball for 4. This was a sign of things to come as he continued to strike the ball powerfully to all parts of the ground, eventually retiring on 31. The next batter in was captain Theo Piggott who began his innings a bit more cautiously, which then allowed other opener Callum Chisholm to show his striking power driving and cutting the ball to the boundary at will. He too retired for a brilliant 32 allowing Harry Hopkins to show his all round ability. Both he and Piggott batted very intelligently running quick singles and then hitting beautifully struck boundaries both finishing unbeaten with Hopkins on 15 and Piggott 27. Final total Thetford 142 for 1 from their allotted 16 overs.

Garboldisham started cautiously with Oscar trying to scamper quick singles off of the tight and accurate bowling of Piggott, however this was costly as it resulted in the run out of opener Libby without facing a ball - a brilliant pick up and throw to the bowler by Beau Doski. Oscar was joined at the crease by Elliott, however he did not stay long as he was bowled for 0 by a beautiful away swinging delivery from Cooper that clipped the top of middle stump. Garboldisham were always behind the run rate and although Oscar kept the scoreboard ticking along it was not enough to keep the momentum needed. Jack was next in and looked steady until he was bowled by for 3 by Doski who was making his debut for Thetford. Zak came to the crease and like Pearson from Thetford hit his 1st ball for a beautiful 4 through midwicket. Oscar and Zak continued to bat beautifully, hitting 4's and running sensibly to move the score past 50. But with overs running out and the target looking further and further away the Garboldisham score finished on 66 for 3, resulting in a 76 run victory for Thetford.

This was a wonderfully natured match with plenty of local and opposition support in glorious conditions. Thanks to Emma Piggott for scoring.

Thetford PowerClean Player of the Match was Cooper Pearson for his brilliant all round performance with both bat and ball.

Mick Piggott (TCC)

### **U11 Garboldisham v Thetford**

Jack and Adam opened the bowling to good effect with Adam getting a wicket in his first over. They were then followed by Libby & Sacha, Zach & Elliot and Robyn in her first match. Despite good fielding and accurate bowling, giving away just 11 wides and 1 no ball in their 16 overs, we were unable to get any more wickets, and Thetford went on to score a total of 141 runs.

Oscar and Libby opened the batting for Garby. Unfortunately, a mix-up in the first over led to Libby being run-out and then both Elliot and Jack fell victim to some good Thetford bowling. With Garby under pressure Zach came into bat, and for the remainder of the match both he and Oscar held firm and scored runs. However, they were not able to score at the required rate, and we finished the match with a total of 66 for 3. Top scorer was Zach with 17.

Despite the loss, the team should again be proud of their efforts and good teamwork. Steve nominated Oscar as the man of the match for his good wicket keeping and for batting for the whole of the Garby innings.

For Thetford Callum scored 32, Cooper 31 and Theo 27.

Lydia Raven (GCC) - May 31st 2018

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### **U11 Mattishall v Gt.Melton Girls**

Melton won the toss and put Mattishall into bat. Fine batting from the top 3 of Mattishall, saw all passing 30. W.Failrcloth 33, B.Stoltz 30 and O.Spurgeon 30 - all retired. Melton bowled consistently, limited the extras with some good fielding.

Melton started solidly but were pegged back by some steady Mattishall bowling, eventually falling short of the target but with an excellent score of 88.

All players on the field contributed to an enjoyable game of cricket.

Michael Hall (Mattishall) - May 21st 2018

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### **U11 Brooke v Sprowston**

Brooke batted first and Jack Rowley and Miles Bracking added 24 for the 1st wicket before Jack was bowled by Sam Hadley for 9. Captain Harry Grove and Miles then added 56 runs before Harry retired on 33. Miles later retired for 33 as he and the other batsmen took the score to 119 for 3. Josh White and Patrick taking a wicket each. Miles Rudling was 7 not out and Barnaby Grieves 4 not out.

Sprowston struggled to score off the accurate Brooke bowling and scored 37 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. Annabel Royal took 2 wickets for 3 runs, Jack Rowley 1 for 2 and Miles Rudling 1 for 5. The Brooke team bowled superbly as a unit with a great catch and stumping for keeper Miles Bracking.

Richard Grove - May 21st 2018

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### **U11 Acle v Norwich**

An outstanding display by Acle first 3 batsmen as J. Shaw (33 retired) , A. Raja 30 (retired) & B. Skoyles (21 n.o.) plus 34 extras gave Acle a total of 118 for 1 . H Searby (Norwich) did not bowl a single wide.

The result looked a foregone conclusion with Norwich on 73 for 5 with only 2 overs to go.

B. Skoyles was the only Acle Bowler not to bowl a wide . A difficult dropped catch off Jo Chapmans bowling denied him a well deserved hatrick . J. Shaw took 4 catches at Mid off . The penultimate over from Acle produced 19 runs , but A. Raja bowled the final over and conceded only 5 to leave Norwich on 99 for 6 leaving Acle the winners by 19 runs.

Quorn (Fred) Handley - May 20th 2018

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### **U13 Acle v Sprowston**

What a difference a day makes : just 1 week ago a very entertaining and tight game between these two teams ended in a ten run win for Acle in the Alliance.

Today a weaker Acle team lost in the last over to A Sprowston team with two stars in Ollie Harvey and Navod Jayaratne.. In this match on a bitterly cold night Finn Adams came of age with an exquisite shot making 36. Jack Buttery (27) & Extras 30 , were the main contributors:

With 5 overs to go Sprowston still needed 52 to win but Navod (40 retired) and Ollie (32n.o.off 15 deliveries) got home with 4 balls to spare.

Quorn (Fred) Handley - May 18th 2018

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### **U13 Bungay v Mulbarton**

The first match of the season was played in glorious sunshine and excellent spirit by the U13s of Bungay and Mulbarton. Bungay won the toss and elected to field first. Some excellent bowling from all the Bungay bowlers kept the scoreboard under control until some fantastic batting towards the end of their innings got Mulbarton up to a very good score of 104 from their 16 overs. Special mention to Finley who bowled his two overs for just 7 runs.

In reply Bungay lost skipper Jack bowled playing across the line but some superb stroke play from Fletcher, James and Toby combined with some good running between the wickets kept the run chase alive. Only some very good, accurate 'death' bowling by the Mulbarton bowlers prevented a successful chase.

Well played to both teams and many thanks to everyone who came to support.

Nick Lo - May 16th 2018

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### **U9 Gt.Melton v Norwich**

Poppy Bugg and Alice Brand ensured Great Melton U9s season got off to a winning start with 8 wickets between them for just 8 runs. Poppy took 5-5 and Alice 3-3 as Great Melton captured 12 Norwich wickets with a good display of bowling and fielding that included 3 sharp stumpings from captain George Alcock and a direct-hit run out from Owen Ward. It meant that Norwich were 159-12 after their 16 overs, a net score of 99. This was despite some really excellent batting from 2nd pair, Jack Boyd (11 not out) and Oliver Collins (15).

Melton had already posted 170-3 with George Alcock top-scoring with 12. There was some good running and calling from 1st pair Owen Ward (5) and William Joyner (5) to get Melton off to a good start, although 2 wickets were lost, but Norwich only managed one more wicket and conceded 39 extras compared to Melton's 28. Poppy, playing her first-ever match, was the star, though.

Steve Phoenix - May 14th 2018

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### **U9 Mattishall v Gt.Ellingham Girls**

Considering this was the first ever match for many of the players and for some, first experience of playing with a hardball, the standard of cricket was good! The game was played in a relaxed environment in the best of spirits and all players showed great maturity and sportsmanship.

Mattishall won the toss and elected to bowl first, with all 7 bowlers performing well conceding less extras than expected. The fielders kept their concentration well and Rufus Snelling's wicket keeping improved with every over. Ollie Roberson opened the bowling and picked up 2 wickets for 6 runs, with Isaac Braybrook and Izabelle Ford picking up the other two. Ellingham batted well and made the most of some wide deliveries, Eva top scoring with 9 runs off the bat including 2 lovely 4's.

Set a net total of 145 to chase, Mattishall started well with a partnership of 27 from Alfie Bradford and Isaac Braybrook (10 and 9 off the bat respectively). Sam Broughton and Rufus Snelling chipped in with 4 each to keep the scoreboard ticking along, Rufus being caught superbly by the wicket keeper from Eva's bowling.

Izabelle Ford and Leo Seales faced some difficult bowling in their spell, Ford being bowled by Georgia. The final partnership of Regan Gostling and Ollie Roberson yielded 20 runs (6 and 7 off the bat respectively) with some good shots and a nice 4 from Gostling. Roberson was bowled superbly by Phoebe late on leaving Mattishall 8 runs ahead at the end.

All players were smiling as they shook hands at the end which was great to see and it was a fine example of how all cricket, not just youth cricket should be played.

Peter Bradford - May 12th 2018

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### **U9 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Sprowston**

An exciting morning for Tas's very new Under 9 team who today played their opening SNCL pairs match against Sprowston at Tas.

At least 8 or 9 players on both sides had never played cricket before and so the game was conducted in a very relaxed and fun way, the emphasis being on a positive cricketing experience all round.

Winning the toss, Tas chose to field first. With 2 players short and borrowing a couple of fielders from Sprowston Tas started very well. Captain Will English took 2 wickets in his opening over and Suvir Sanghrajka added another in his first over. Casper Holt kept wicket superbly, rarely letting anything past despite some pacey bowling and also taking a catch. Luke, Finley and Rayyan bowled very positively, learning and improving with each passing over Rayyan also picking up a wicket in his 2nd over.

Sprowston's batsmen were strong though, hitting several 4's from good balls and set a total of 282 for 7 wickets (247 net). Will finished with bowling figures of 3 wickets for 9 runs and Suvir 3 wickets for 20 runs. Top scoring batsman was Henry with 20 including 4 4's.

Faced with a very competitive total to chase, Tas needed to score consistently and not lose wickets however the Sprowston bowling was quick and accurate and their fielding sharp and Tas found it tricky finishing 19 runs short on 268-8 (228 net) with Casper top scoring for Tas on 11 (including a couple of lovely 4's). George had the best bowling figures for Sprowston (2 for 2) followed by Austin (2 for 5).

In summary a very enjoyable match played in great spirit on a lovely day!

Sara Worley - May 7th 2018

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