



### **No changes after 2009 League Consultation**

All teams who took part in the third summer of The South Norfolk Community League have completed their evaluation of the season.

This year the clubs were generally happy with all elements of the competition. The main proposal for consideration was the introduction of a retirement limit for batsmen. Although some managers felt that games could too easily be dominated by one or two players, others welcomed the opportunity for their young batsmen to build a large total.

In the end, a substantial majority voted to keep the rule as it is - i.e. with no retirement. In one sided games it should be noted that coaches can voluntarily retire batsmen to give more of their team a chance; the not out batsman returning should all other wickets be lost.

Other matters occupying managers were the lack of scorers for some games, the way in which the law regarding wides was interpreted and the situation relating to no result games.

Clubs are expected to provide an umpire and scorer for every game and should agree before the match their interpretation of wides; consistency is important to ensure fairness throughout the fixture.

There is never going to be an absolutely perfect system regarding the resolution of no result games but the committee and managers felt that the present system is as fair as possible.

All clubs should be congratulated on their hard work in achieving another successful season for the league.

November 10th 2009

### **New Rules for girls participation in leagues**

The South Norfolk community League will be introducing a new section for girls in 2010. This will be an eight a side Under 13 softball competition designed to encourage increased participation in the game.

An increasing number of girls though have moved on to the hard ball game, and while development groups can often raise a team, most clubs are not yet in the position to field a side of their own.

With this in mind, in 2010, the league will be allowing girls to play in the hardball games at **two years below their age**. Full details of age limits appear [here](#)

November 10th 2009

### **New U13 Girl's League set for 2010**

To provide competition opportunities for the increasing number of girls playing the game in Norfolk the league is to introduce a girls only section in 2010. Although the rules have been changed to allow their inclusion in the other leagues two years below their age, it is accepted that many are not yet ready for the hardball format.

Unlike the other leagues, this will feature softball games in a pairs format over sixteen overs. Full rules can be seen [here](#).

It is envisaged that the league will include a maximum of six sides and that each team will only play the others once. The competition would start at the end of May and run throughout the summer term and finishing at the end of July.

To register your interest for this competition, without commitment, and to receive regular updates please complete the form on our [contact us](#) page.

November 10th 2009

### **League salutes outstanding achievements**

At the end of a summer of outstanding cricket in all four competitions, the league salutes those who made it on to this year's new [Roll of Honour](#).

Thirty four scores of fifty plus, including two centuries, and fourteen players bagging hauls of three or more wickets has demonstrated the quality on view this season.

Congratulations to the cricketers who won the best batting and bowling trophies for their age groups.

### **Best Batting**

U17 J.Leech of Garboldisham 86no v Old Buckenham  
U15 Vivek Sharma of Great Melton 125no v Bunwell  
U13 Joel Howard of Tas Valley 111 v Mulbarton  
U11 Matthew Branfield of Garboldisham 57no v Bunwell

### **Best Bowling**

U17 M.Hastings of Hardingham 2 for 4 v Old Buckenham  
U15 Fergus Spink of Bunwell 4 for 10 v Gt.Melton  
U13 O.Hutt of Tas Valley 4 for 11 v Rocklands  
U11 Ben Carding of Gt.Melton 4 for 10 v Bunwell

September 10th 2009

### **Garboldisham make it three out of four**

Congratulations to Garboldisham who added the U17 and U13 league titles to the U11 trophy already secured earlier in the month.

In a close U17 competition, Hardingham, who won all four of their games, narrowly lost out when Ellingham were unable to fulfil their fixture against Garboldisham and the ten points were enough for them to scrape home by the narrowest margin.

There have been some impressive scores and tightly contested games, including a tie, in this league and it is hoped that the age group will become a permanent addition to the competition.

At U13 level, having finished all of their games first, Garboldisham's total looked well short of what was required with Tas Valley, Belton and particularly Rocklands all looking set to overhaul their modest points total, but all struggled in their final games with their challenges falling away leaving Garboldisham the U13 champions with 67 points.



Garboldisham CC U17 SNCLeague Team

September 6th 2009

### **U13 League - Tas Valley's title hopes ended at Melton Park**

This rearranged game produced an exciting finish with Tas Valley, chasing 150 to win, needing 3 off the last ball. They scored 1 as Melton pulled off a narrow victory. Joe Bush (51) and Chris Greenslade (42) were the main contributors for Melton while Joel Howard (59) and M.Wastell (43) batted well for Tas Valley.

September 2nd 2009

### **U11 League - Garboldisham are inaugural winners**

As some consolation for the loss of the U15 title they have won for the last two years, Garboldisham's U11s turned in some impressive performances in this new league to secure the inaugural title.

Winning all six of their matches, they notched up the highest innings total of any league, scoring 213 against Bunwell.



Garboldisham's U11 SNCLeague Team

August 30th 2009

### **U15 League - Gt.Melton crowned 2009 Champions**

Gt.Melton are crowned U15 champions for 2009 after winning all seven of their games over the summer. Blessed with an abundance of talented cricketers in this age group, only previous holders, Garboldisham, came close to matching their total in a low scoring game which they lost by 22 runs. It was the result of this one fixture that decided the destination of the cup in the league's third season.



Gt.Melton CC U15 South Norfolk Community League Team

August 30th 2009

### **U11 Gt.Melton v Rocklands Rustlers**

Ben Carding took 2-12 as Melton produced their best bowling and fielding performance of the season to dismiss Rocklands for 47. Joe Greenslade scored 15 and M.Minors took 3-12 as Melton reached 51 for the loss of 4 wickets.

August 29th 2009

### **U15 Garboldisham finish in style**

An emphatic victory for Garboldisham against a Hardingham side weakened by lads away on their hols.

Garby opener and captain Charlie Horn was quickly knocking the ball into every available gap and he clocked up 66 runs before being bowled by a lovely ball from Harrington. And once Garby's no. 3, Jack Yallop had got his

eye in, there was no stopping him as he played some cracking textbook shots before being bowled on the very last ball of the innings by S. Hastings. Yallop finished on 69 to leave Garboldisham on 172 for 3.

In reply, Hardingham were rocked by the loss of early wickets as Harry Yallop bowled T. Harwood out off his first ball and then Joe Paul took out B Falcon with a thundering yorker that sent the stumps flying in all directions. Hardingham opener, B Scott batted on bravely before going for 25 to a slower ball from Garby's Ben Branfield that was caught by Ben Tippett. Clayton Merriman, hobbling from a skateboard injury, bowled the final over and took the fourth Hardingham wicket and the visitors finished on 89 for 4, 83 runs short.

Another win for Garboldisham that should leave them second in the table after a defeat to Great Melton earlier in the season.

August 19th 2009

### **U13 Last gasp win for Mulbarton**

Without a win in their league season, Mulbarton U13s headed west for their final match of the competition; a bottom of the table clash with Gt. Ellingham.

Winning the toss and opting for first use of a well worn strip, Mulbarton started brightly with a quick fire innings from Pennington (9), supported by Rhatigan (11), before James Whitlock (39) produced his best performance of the summer featuring some beautiful punched drives. Well supported by Samson (26no), this pair put on 57 for the third wicket and added 47 off the last five overs with some controlled stroke play and quick running. For the first time this summer the team mustered three figures, finishing on 116 off their sixteen overs.

Only Perry (27) offered any resistance in reply and it was soon clear long before his dismissal that the target was far beyond Ellingham's reach. Good bowling from James Whitlock, Samson and Morton, along with a couple of run outs and two good catches saw the home side bowled out for 47 in the final over.



Mulbarton CC U13 SNCL Team

August 18th 2009

### **U13 - Belton shake up Rocklands**

Belton U 13's entertained Rocklands at the Common on Sunday morning and renewed their challenge for the South Norfolk Community League title with an emphatic win.

Belton captain, Romesh Tirimanna wisely decided to give his bowlers first use of the ball after winning the toss and was soon rewarded when S. Hichcliffe was run out for only two and A. Codling was caught by Andrew Page from the bowling of George Savoury for only 3. At 19 for two Rocklands were in need of a base to mount a challenge and they found it in J. Baker (26) and T, Bart (23). Ben Wood accounted for Bart, bowled, to slow the run rate and steady bowling from Tirimanna (3 overs for 6 runs) and Savoury (3 overs 1 for 14) ensured that the runs were accumulated

slowly. Rocklands finished on 101 for 3 from their 16 overs.

In reply, Romesh Tirimanna and Steven Gopaul found the pitch and the bowling to their liking as they compiled an unbeaten partnership of 104 from just 12.3 overs.



Romesh Tirimanna and Steven Gopaul

August 18th 2009

### **Garboldisham U11s rampant at Bunwell**

Bunwell were the unfortunate opponents against a rampant Garboldisham U11 side who scored an awesome 213; more than 13 runs an over. Both openers Matthew Branfield and Blake Ingram retired on unbeaten half centuries before the home side were bowled out for 47.

This is the largest total ever for an SNCL match and illustrates just how many runs U11s can score when freed from the restrictions of the pairs format.

Garboldisham look well set at the top of the U11 table but both Melton and Rocklands can overhaul them with the right results.



**Record Breakers!** Garboldisham CC U11 SNCL Team

August 18th 2009

### **U15 Garboldisham v Bunwell**

Another great knock of 74 not out by Charlie Horn and 25 by Jack Peart helped Garboldisham reach 134 for 2.

Bunwell came back strongly but their runs dried up after losing their top order batsmen and they ended on 112 for 3 with T Dallas on 40 not out.

An entertaining game played in good spirit by both sides.

July 30th 2009

## **U15 Mulbarton v Hardingham**

### **Bad day at the office**

There was a hint that it might not be Mulbarton's day when their first over to Hardingham went for nine runs, five of those wides. Having won the toss and put the visitors into bat Mulbarton struggled to exercise any control with the ball, and apart from an excellent spell by Bradley, adopting the novel tactic of bowling straight and full, the bowling was universally dismal.

With quick running and lethargic fielding from the home side, Hardingham kept the scoreboard moving. Putting on 77 for the first wicket they never looked troubled and when J.Scott (43) was bowled by Culling, there were still six overs left. The improving George finally had B.Scott (44) stumped off Bradley before the innings ended on 119.

In reply, there was no real sense of urgency from the openers and they were quickly slipping behind the rate. Belatedly sensing the need to hustle on they chose the wrong runs at the wrong time, with the team suffering three run outs. No one looked like posting a decent score apart from George (12), who looked dangerous before being run out. That Mulbarton finally managed 85 was more a testament to the 41 extras gifted by Hardingham's part time bowlers rather than any finesse with the bat. With just 44 in scoring strokes, this was a disappointing performance from a team capable of so much more.

July 28th 2009

## **U17 Old Buckenham v Gt.Ellingham**

OLD Buckenham secured all 16 points in their first South Norfolk U17 Community League match against Great Ellingham who were put into bat and were always on the defensive.

Captain Daniel Skipper caught A Wharton off Duncan Osborne for seven.

After seeing off both opening bowlers, Great Ellingham at 26-1 off six overs looked well placed but the introduction of spinners Joe Lewis (1-7) and Kieran Brown (2-13) quickly changed the game.

Brown bowled Hawkins (13) and Lewis had Glover stumped by Ryan Thompson for nine. When Skipper caught Potter off Brown for four, it was left to Josh Downes and Jon Walton to concede just 10 runs off the last four

overs.

Old Buckenham, in reply, went off at 10 runs an over which they maintained to reach the required 57 runs in just 31 balls. Daniel Skipper led the way with 30 not out, including a huge six on to the pavilion roof whilst Ryan Thompson (13 not out) kept him company.

July 27th 2009

### **U15 Sharma on top form again for Melton**

Vivek Sharma scored 71 in just 8 overs after Ellingham's K.Snowling had taken 3 wickets in an over to see Melton slump from 35-0 to 36-3.

With the score at 120-3, Sharma retired to give some of the other lads the opportunity to bat. Tom Smith scored 16 not out. Brendon scored a good unbeaten 32 for Ellingham who never looked likely to overhaul Melton's 135-5.

Corey Connolly (3-0-9-2) and Sam Rock (3-1-12-2) were the pick of Melton's bowlers.

July 20th 2009

### **U15 Garboldisham v Gt.Melton**

#### **Heroic half century from Tippett**

Gt Melton batted first and after an initial slow start, moved up a couple of gears and were grabbing runs at every opportunity. Fine batting from G Ducker (46) and R. Brooker (25 n.o.) left Gt Melton with a strong total of 121 for 2.

Garboldisham captain and opener, Ben Tippett, batted bravely throughout the Garboldisham innings in an effort to chase down the Gt Melton score and he finished on 52 not out to leave Garbie on 99 for 6 – 22 runs short.

An entertaining game played at a fast and furious pace by two of the stronger sides in this league.

July 15th 2009

### **U15 Bunwell v Gt.Melton**

## Record breaking total sinks Bunwell

Four early wickets by Fergus Spink had Melton struggling at 30-4 but Vivek Sharma, who was dropped before he had scored 30, launched an explosive attack on the Bunwell bowlers hitting 6 sixes and 16 fours in 125 not out, made in 11 overs. He was well-supported by tailenders Tom Smith, Daniel Hayward and Sam Rock as Melton totalled 173-6.

Spink then batted well in reply, hitting an unbeaten 61 in Bunwell's 117-6 but Melton's total always looked well out of reach. Sharma completed a good all-round display with a one-handed catch and 2 wickets.

July 2nd 2009

## U11 Rocklands Rustlers v Bunwell

The game was played with a fabulous spirit by both sides on the pitch. The spectators of both teams showed their appreciation for good play and effort on the field regardless of which team. CRICKET without a doubt was the real winner!



## Bunwell CC U11 South Norfolk Community League Team



## Rocklands Rustlers U11 South Norfolk Community League Team

June 30th 2009

### U15 Mulbarton v Garboldisham



Ben Wilford

#### **Mulbarton rue missed chances in classic encounter**

Put into bat by Mulbarton, Garboldisham started brightly, their total boosted by extras (29) and four dropped catches. The introduction of Wilford produced another classic bowling performance (3 for 7) accounting for Tippett (11), Yallop (12) and Lamb (0), while Gibbins bowled the dangerous Seaman (21). But Garboldisham are a cohesive and determined team that took advantage of the home side's generosity, and a late order assault by Grimwood (17), combined with tight running between the wickets boosted the score to 30 beyond what it should have been, finishing on 97.

of Mulbarton CC

Mulbarton's reply started brightly with Gibbins and Button putting on 33 by the fifth over before Gibbins (21) was caught poking an easy catch to mid wicket and Button was clean bowled (14) by Tippett. After the departure of these two, despite the best efforts of George (25no) and Wilford (9), the innings was becalmed by controlled bowling from the visitors and the rate slackened with just 17 coming from the next five overs. As the match slipped away the big hitting George finally broke free and the board started moving again, but after Wilford's departure none of his partners was able to hang around, and Mulbarton needing seven to win with one wicket remaining off the final over, managed just four, leaving them a frustrating three runs short of their target.

June 25th 2009

### **Thrilling start to U17 league**

In an exciting game at Garboldisham, both teams finished on 114 to tie the first ever U17 league fixture.

For the second year running Hardingham needed one to win from the last ball but the batsman was run out trying to scramble a bye.

This is only the second tied game in the short history of the competition and both have involved these two teams, the other coming in the U15 league last year.

June 23rd 2009

### **U13 Mulbarton v Garboldisham**

Heavy overnight rain had softened the ground and with the air still damp, it was not a toss to lose. But Mulbarton did and Garboldisham sensibly chose to bowl.

In this same fixture last season, the Mulbarton U13s were bowled out for 23 in less than 10 overs, setting a new record for the lowest club total. At 17 for 3 they looked perilously close to repeating this performance with Holden (0), Pennington (3) and James Whitlock (5) all sent packing before the end of the sixth over, courtesy some accurate bowling and top catching by the

visitors. But debutant Bartholomew (10) and Jonny Whitlock (12) put together a decent partnership of 30 to give the score some respectability, with the team finishing on 59 all out in the penultimate over.

This was rather a slender total to defend and the visitors set about the task in style, pillaging 20 runs from the first three overs despite an excellent spell from James Whitlock and Samson. A corking catch by Pennington removed the dangerous looking Tippet (12) and from then the rate slowed. Tight fielding and an astonishing reaction catch from Holden helped keep the wickets falling and while Garboldisham made rather heavy weather in chasing down such a modest target, in the end they managed it comfortably, led by Branfield (22no) with 19 balls to spare.

Another twenty runs and this would have been a classic encounter, but 59 was never going to be enough against a team of this calibre. This was an excellent team effort though with all of the boys encouraging each other and maximising their potential during this absorbing and entertaining fixture, watched by a large and appreciative crowd.



(Back row from left) J.Bartholomew, A.Holden, C.Pennington, James Whitlock, G.Rhatigan

(Front row from left) M.Samson, Jonny Whitlock, S.Morton.

June 21st 2009

## **U15 Gt.Ellingham v Mulbarton**

Winning the toss, Mulbarton chose to field first, starting the match in light rain. Good opening spells by Button, Everett and Bradley pinned the home side down. Only Ledebouer (39) really troubled the scorers with a decent knock while his partners came and went at the other end, and when Wilford removed him as part of his excellent spell of 3 for 11, the innings quickly collapsed to 71 all out.

Despite Ellingham bowling and fielding tenaciously, Gibbins (24no) and Button (25no) put together an unbroken partnership of 72 to win the match by 7 wickets.

June 17th 2009



### **First ever U11 game goes Melton's way**

Bunwell U11 played their first ever game of cricket against Gt Melton this evening, and posted a competitive batting score of 90 for 6. Tom Wagg top scored with 38 runs.

Despite taking 3 Gt Melton wickets, Bunwell found defending the total a challenge against a well organised Gt Melton side.

Both teams played the game in excellent spirit, and were well supported by family and friends.

June 8th 2009

### **Belton broadside scuppers Mulbarton**

Mulbarton U13s headed east to the seaside under leaden skies for their second league fixture against Belton who, winning the toss chose first use of another baked pitch, more reminiscent of late August than early June.

A bright opening spell by James Whitlock and Matthew Samson pitching the ball up set problems for the Belton openers, with Samson removing one of them clean bowled.

The rest of the attack though generally bowled too short and, on such a hard track, the ball simply sat up to be smacked away at will by the elegant Tirimana (67), well supported by his partner George (32no). These two put on 107 for the second wicket, leaving Mulbarton to chase 125. Of the other bowlers, only Sam Bartholomew troubled the strikers.

On Thursday Mulbarton made 92 and with a short boundary and fast outfield the stage was set for a thrilling run chase. But it proved more of a stagger with the visitors becalmed and managing only 11 runs off their first five overs. Wickets also fell alarmingly with several batsmen spending only the briefest of sojourns at the crease. Belton bowled well, especially Harris, 3 for 5, exploiting the hard pitch with full bowling that pinned the visitors down.

Only James Whiltlock (12), removed by an excellent catch, managed double figures and apart from a gutsy last wicket partnership of 22 by the Sams, Bartholomew and Morton, this was a disappointing batting performance, with Mulbarton not even able to bat out their full 16 overs, and finishing well short on 54 all out.

Belton played well and this was their first ever victory. With their attractive batting, accurate bowling and excellent team spirit, it will not be their last; a dark horse to watch in this league.

June 7th 2009

**Howard becomes first ever centurion**



Joel Howard of Hethersett & Tas Valley became the first ever league centurion, scoring a stylish and chanceless 111 in the U13 match against Mulbarton. His big hitting innings comprised 21 fours and two sixes before he was finally removed by Morton in the thirteenth over.

Tas valley went on to finish their innings on 150 for 1, just 29 short of the all time record set by Garboldisham last season. In reply Mulbarton batted sensibly in scoring 92 for 6 off their 16 overs, to secure a single well earned point.

Pictured left

Joel Howard of Tas valley CC

June 4th 2009

### **U15 Title Holders make cracking start**

Garbie were sent in to bat on a lively looking wicket. Charlie Horn and Ben Tippett immediately had the scoreboard ticking over with some quick singles and Tippett was soon hitting some crunching boundaries through point and over mid wicket and Horn joined in with some beautiful strokes. Gt Ellingham bowler J Lake eventually trapped Tippett LBW for 42 and Horn was bowled by K Snowdon for 41. Garbie's 3 and 4, Joe Seaman and Pete Gray added 14 and 13 to leave Garboldisham on 129 for 2 after the 16 overs.

Ellingham went in to bat and looked very strong, running well between the wickets and hitting boundaries when they could. Despite a good start B ledebour miscued a shot and was cuaght by Tippett for 15 off the bowling of Harry Yallop. In the same over J Clarke was bowled for a duck. The other Ellingham opener, J Lake was caught by Horn from a ball from Jack Yallop. Garbie all rounder Joe Seaman came on to bowl and took three wickets and Ben Tippett cleaned up with an excellent caught and bowled to see Gt Ellingham all out for 43 runs.

A good, solid start for U15 league title holders, Garboldisham.

May 30th 2009

### **Melton notch up first victory in 2009**

A 2nd wicket partnership of 76 between Chris Greenslade (38 not out) and Adam Osborne (24) enabled Melton to total 95-2. J.Lake was Ellingham's most successful bowler with 3-0-11-1. E.Perry scored 10 and W.Watling 8 in Ellingham's 73 all out but 'extras' top-scored with 44, including 18 in wides and 16 in no balls! Michael Farmer (2.5-0-7-2) and Stuart Wilson (2-1-2-1) were not responsible for any of them, however.



(Back row from left) Guy McCurey (Coach), Stuart Wilson, Chris Greenslade, Steve Phoenix (Coach), Joe Bush, Scott Lyle, Roy Wilson (Manager)

(Front row from left) Nick Rathjen, Johnny Malcolm, Ollie Hazel, Michael Farmer

May 28th 2009