



Girls' competition demonstrates great strides

The success of the [Lady Taverners U13 Club Competition](#) run by the Norfolk Cricket Board, which has attracted eight entries for this summer, demonstrates the great strides made in the women's game over the last few years.

The Clubs are being split into two regionalised groups of four with regular matches on a home and away basis during the season. The two group winners and runners-up will then compete in a finals day at Great Melton Cricket Club to determine the County champions. A major change will be the introduction of hard ball cricket for these matches.

With most clubs opting for this tournament, The League's U13 softball competition has failed to attract sufficient entries for 2011.

February 5th 2011

New proposals adopted for 2011

Following the end of season consultation with participating clubs, the following rule changes will be adopted for the 2011 competition.

- For a trial period of one year the U11 League games will be played on Sunday mornings only.
- Defaulting clubs who fail to fulfil a fixture for reasons other than the weather will have ten points deducted from their current total. Their opponents will be awarded an average of their points from completed games added to their total at the end of the season.

There are no other changes to the rules.

December 22nd 2010

Consultation results and proposed rule changes for 2011

The League has now completed consultation and feedback on the 2010 season. All but one club provided their views and suggestions and these have been considered in proposing any changes to the rules and structure for next summer.

Generally, all clubs were happy with the format, rules and points system of the competition and the suggestion to move to average rather than total points to determine league positions was rejected by a narrow margin.

The number of teams in each league was almost unanimously endorsed as being about right. The only two clubs disagreeing with this actually wanted more games.

Most felt that the start of the league was at the correct time although a few suggested that the competition ended too late in the season.

There were two major issues for consideration; the proposal to play U11 and U13 games on Sunday mornings only and the treatment of no result games.

With regard to no result fixtures, several clubs were clearly frustrated that some teams had on occasion cancelled their games at short notice, often more than once. Apart from the inconvenience and disappointment of losing a game completely, some felt that the award of 10 points for such a default was often less than they would have achieved had the match been played.

One of the proposals to address this was that defaulting clubs would be docked 10 points (as is the current case) and that their opponents would receive the average of their points accrued from completed fixtures added to their total at the end of the season. This third proposal was almost unanimously supported.

On the most contentious proposition of moving to a Sunday only programme for U11 and U13 leagues, there was only limited support at U13 level but for the U11s, five out of seven clubs voted in favour of this change.

Thirty seven teams entered the leagues in 2010; two of these withdrew before the start of the programme and another two half way through the season. Already there are 38 registered interest entries for 2011 with the leagues likely to be capped at ten teams.

The proposed changes to the league in 2011 are:

No result games.

Defaulting clubs who fail to fulfil a prearranged fixture for any reasons other than the weather will have ten points deducted from their total with their opponents awarded an average of their points from completed fixtures added to their total at the end of the season.

U11 & U13 Leagues

For a trial period of one year the U11 league will move to a Sunday only programme, played in the mornings. Fixtures will be provided by the league and matches completed on a fortnightly basis. Two reserve dates will be available for **weather affected matches only**. Although there is always some resistance to change, a regular fixture date, in line with many other youth sports (particularly soccer) will be welcomed by members and parents alike.

There are no changes proposed to the U13, U15 and U17 leagues.

Clubs are welcome to respond to the above for a period of thirty days from this date after which they will go forward for adoption and incorporation into the 2011 rules.

November 19th 2010

U13 Girls' Cricket

The inaugural year of the U13 girls' softball league attracted only three entries in 2010. Several players who took part in these games are now ready for the hardball game and the [Norfolk Cricket Board](#) is working hard to address this situation.

The South Norfolk Community League is prepared to continue running an U13 softball competition as an introduction to competitive cricket if there are sufficient entries. This would run during the summer term and finish before the school holidays.

If you or a team you know are interested in entering please visit the register your interest form [here](#).

November 19th 2010

Record number of clubs register interest for 2011

2011 will mark the fifth anniversary of the competition and with a record number of clubs pre registering their interest for next season it promises to be another bumper summer for the league.

Clubs listed below have expressed their interest in playing in next year's competition and while they are not committed to entering a team at this stage, it does give a good idea as to the eventual size of the groups.

If your club is not listed below but you would like to register, without commitment, for 2011, please enter your details on our [contact us](#) page. Entry will close at the end of January 2011.

The results of the consultation along with details of any proposed changes to the league will be published shortly.

U17	U15	U13	U11	U13 Girls
Mulbarton	Topcroft	Topcroft	Topcroft	Old Buckenham
Diss	Gt.Melton	Gt.Melton	Gt.Melton	Garboldisham
Old Buckenham	Belton	Belton	Mulbarton	
Gt.Ellingham	Mulbarton	Mulbarton	Tas Valley	
Rocklands	Tas Valley	Tas Valley	Gt.Ellingham	
Hardingham	Old Buckenham	Old Buckenham	Rocklands	
Garboldisham	Gt.Ellingham	Gt.Ellingham	Garboldisham	
Mattishall	Rocklands	Rocklands	Cringleford Lodge	
	Hardingham	Garboldisham		
	Garboldisham	Thetford		
	Saxlingham			
	Cringleford Lodge			

September 24th 2010

End of Season Round Up

Thirty seven teams combined to make the fourth season of The South Norfolk Community League the most successful ever.

With 136 matches played across five leagues, there were plenty of opportunities for young cricketers to impress in the eight a side sixteen over format.

The new U13 girls' softball league demonstrated the improving skills in a competition that could have been won by any of the three teams, but Old Buckenham's consistent performances secured them the inaugural trophy.

In the U11 league it was Gt.Melton who left the others trailing in their wake as they won all six of their games by considerable margins. J.Greenslade was particularly dominant with the bat over the summer scoring several half centuries for his team as they remained in a class of their own. Mulbarton and Tas Valley were runners up but a long way short of Melton's impressive points tally.

At U13 level Garboldisham retained the title for the second year running demonstrating the consistent standards at this club. They lost only once in their campaign in a low scoring game to newcomers Cringleford Lodge who finished league runners up. This was the most competitive group with just six points separating the four chasing teams.

Bunwell fielded an all girls team in this league under the South Norfolk District Development banner and found the going tough, although a victory against Rocklands Royals must have lifted their spirits. The experience of playing in a proper hardball league will have provided valuable experience and serve them well in the future.

It was same again too at U15 with Melton wrapping up a brace of titles and losing their only game to rivals Garboldisham. Gt.Ellingham finished second in a league which provided some very close matches.

In 2009 Hardingham lost out for the U17 honour even though they won all of their games, but it was second time lucky as they overcame all of their opponents and, helped by a tie between Garboldisham and Old Buckenham, made sure that their name was on the plate for 2010.

Many youth cricketers were able to make their mark with bat and ball over the summer and the best performances in each age group were:

- U17 Best Batting 97 P.Walker of Hardingham v Bunwell
- U17 Best Bowling 3 for 2 Tom Fidler of Garboldisham v Diss
- U15 Best Batting 87no C.George of Mulbarton v Hardingham
- U15 Best Bowling 3 for 5 George Jenner of Saxlingham v Tas Valley
- U13 Best Batting 100no D.Taylor of Garboldisham v Tas Valley
- U13 Best Bowling 5 for 8 Matt Thompson of Gt.Ellingham v SNDDG
- U11 Best Batting 88no Joeseph Wilson of Tas Valley v Garboldisham
- U11 Best Bowling 3 for 5 Jonathon Cooper of Tas Valley v Rocklands

September 13th 2010

No Result Games

Congratulations to all clubs who have completed their programmes by the closing date of September 5th.

The nature of some no result fixtures have still to be clarified and according to the competition rules unless notified otherwise no points will be awarded to either team. See [guidance notes](#).

U13

Rocklands Royals v Tas Valley
Garboldisham v SNDDG Girls
Tas Valley v SNDDG Girls

U15

Garboldisham v Tas Valley

U17

Bunwell v Diss

September 5th 2010

U11 & U13 League Proposals for 2011

This summer some clubs have been experiencing difficulties in raising sides, particularly in the school holidays, or providing suitable supervision at U11 and U13 level. This has impacted on teams who have already prepared and organised their squads before a fixture has been cancelled, often at very short notice.

Proposals for the U11 & U13 2011 Leagues are:

- Leagues at these levels restricted to eight teams.
- All games played on Sunday mornings only.
- U11 & U13 games played on alternate weeks.
- Fixture list provided by The League.
- Season starting early May and finishing at the end of July.
- Weather affected games not replayed.
- League tables based on points average rather than total.

It is stressed that these changes are only proposals at present but initial reactions from several clubs have been positive. All clubs and managers will have the opportunity to comment on these and any other matters or concerns affecting the leagues in the consultation document which will be circulated shortly.

All feedback from players, parents and coaches is welcomed [here](#).

August 30th 2010

U11 - Gt.Melton v Garboldisham

Having recorded the highest ever league total of 213 last year at Bunwell, Garboldisham U11s set another record, this time for the lowest score of 18 runs as they slumped to a heavy defeat at Melton Park.

This last game of the season was played in good spirit by both teams. Melton batted first Ben Carding top scored with 39 followed by Joseph Greenslade 29 and Ryan Howard 14. Emma had best bowling figures for Garboldisham taking 2 wickets for 9 runs with a wicket each for T Huddleston and W Pierson plus a run out. Garboldisham's top scorer was W Pierson 11.

Melton's accurate bowling took regular wickets with Luke Marchant, Matt Rennie and Craig Attwell taking 2 wickets each and 1 for Matt Foster there was also 2 stumpings for Joseph Greenslade. This match ends a great season for Melton - the first season of cricket for some of the players.

August 21st 2010

U13 - Rockland Royals v Mulbarton

A half century from Craig Ellis (53) provided the cornerstone of Rocklands' innings after the promising looking Miners was run out. With Mulbarton's bowling lacking venom and the fielding rather wooden, the home side were able to total a competitive 87.

With openers Samson (20) and Whitlock (22) proceeding serenely towards the target the game looked good as won, but a decisive period of three overs, including two maidens, in which Whitlock was run out and Samson bowled turned the game on its head. Rocklands bowled well, particularly Miners and Ellis, and this, along with good fielding and Ellis' earlier half century proved the difference between the two teams as Mulbarton fell short of their target.

August 20th 2010

U15 - Hardingham v Mulbarton

B.Falcon was the star of the Hardingham innings with an imperious 73 no against a rather off colour bowling attack from the visitors. Apart from Everett (2-10), who was excellent, Mulbarton generally bowled too short and wide and were punished accordingly by the rampant Falcon who was largely responsible for propelling the home side to a competitive 123 off their sixteen overs.

Having popped the coaching manual into the bin, Mulbarton's George proceeded to bludgeon his way to a career best 87no whilst retaining the strike for most of the innings. This was just as well as his five partners' mustered only 5 runs between them. Hardingham's attack was also rather wayward but both B.Falcon (1-18) and F.Falcon (2-13) bowled well, the latter outstandingly for an eleven year old.

George should be grateful to the Hardingham grounds man who had produced a pitch of even bounce

as he rode his luck to produce a thrilling and enormously entertaining victory with only two balls to spare.



Mulbarton CC U15 SNCLLeague Team

August 17th 2010

U13 - Tas Valley v Mulbarton

After a steady start, aided by some good Mulbarton catching Tas Valley disastrously lost 4 wickets for 1 run in one remarkable over from Sam Morton and thereafter were soon all out for a meagre 24. A total that while losing 2 wickets on the way Mulbarton had little difficulty passing for a 5 wicket victory.

August 14th 2010

U15 - Mulbarton v Rocklands

Things could have been worse for Mulbarton with one man short and skipper George out third ball of

the innings; but not a lot. A good knock from Thompson (25) helped to restore some respectability but Rocklands bowled and fielded well, particularly Bart (3 for 18). No other batsman managed double figures and the now familiar collapse meant that the rest of the team added just 19 runs between them before being all out in the eleventh over for their lowest score of the season.

Excellent opening spells from Bradley and George restricted the visitors to 20 off the first six overs but after this the options were strictly limited and the team became listless and deflated. Miller, who should have bowled more, again troubled the batsmen with Bradley taking a good catch off his bowling, but Etheridge (20) and Hinchcliff (16no) saw the visitors home with more than four overs to spare.

August 4th 2010

Saxlingham unable to complete league programme

After struggling to fulfil their fixtures throughout the season, Saxlingham CC have bowed to the inevitable and withdrawn both their U13 and U15 teams from the remaining games.

It is always disappointing when clubs are unable to complete their league programme and penalties have to be applied.

The committee has decided to treat the U13 league as a withdrawal and awarded 10 points, in accordance with the rules, to teams with outstanding fixtures against Saxlingham

At U15 level, teams still to play Saxlingham will be awarded 10 points with 30 points being deducted from Saxlingham.

August 2nd 2010

U15 - Gt.Melton v Saxlingham

Joe Bush scored 31 not out and Toby Wyatt 23 not out as Melton overhauled Saxlingham's 66 all out in 10 overs. Matt Nichols top-scored for the home side but it was the leg spin of Peter Frazer (2-20) and Joe Bickel (3-12) that allowed Melton to chase a comparatively modest total.

August 2nd 2010

U11 - Tas Valley v Topcroft

Wilson on his own

Tas Valley were thankful for the return of Joseph Wilson as he again proved to be the mainstay of the Tas Valley batting with an assured 44 not out in the Tas total of 75 for 5. Incredibly only one other run came from the bat as extras contributed 30 to the Tas total.

For Topcroft Luke Burrige bowled particularly well with 2 for 6 from his 3 overs and also scored a

valuable 35 as Topcroft chipped away at the Tas total to reach their winning target of 76 for 5 in the 15th over.

August 2nd 2010

U17 - Hardingham wrap up title with win at Diss

After coming close last season, Hardingham wrapped up the U17 title with a good win at Rectory Meadow.

Batting first they posted an impressive total of 163 for 0 with J.Downes (88no) again providing the backbone of the innings.

Diss batted well in reply but were unable to match the visitors rate falling short by 31 runs.



August 2nd 2010

U11 - Rocklands Rustlers v Hethersett & Tas Valley

Wow! What a game!

Tas batted first and steady batting especially by Jonathon Cooper (16 not out) and L.Simmons (11 not out). Rocklands bowled tidily with Matthew Hendrie and Matthew Noonan taking a wicket each.

In reply Rocklands lost Noah Coates early but a partnership of 67 between Matthew Noonan (8) and Edward Proctor (43) seemed to put them in a strong position, needing 18 runs from the last 4 overs). However fine bowling from Tas meant that 5 runs were needed from the last over. An exceptional last over from Jonathan Cooper (3-5) (including the dangerous Proctor) meant that Tas were home by 4 runs.

A fine game enjoyed by a large crowd. All the boys can be proud of their part in this one.

Pictured below are Hethersett & Tas Valley U11 SNCLLeague team



Back row from left: Casper King, Jonathon Cooper, Joeseeph Wilson, Tristen Henderson
Front row from left: Matt Daniels, Crispin Clarke, Louis Simmons and Tom Worley

July 27th 2010

U15 - Hardingham v Mulbarton

Choosing to field Mulbarton made a bright start with the opening bowlers George and Miller denying Hardingham any real scoring opportunities and conceding just 16 runs off their combined spells. Harris

(35) and Falcon (14) put on 62 for the first wicket but took over ten overs to do so. The rest of the Mulbarton attack lacked penetration although the standard of ground fielding was encouraging as the rain began to fall and conditions deteriorated.

The two sides played on to the end of the innings with Hardingham doing well to reach 102 thanks to some aggressive hitting at the end from Bloom (19no).

But as the rain continued to fall and the square and outfield became greasy, there was no choice but to abandon what would have been a very interesting run chase.

Match facts: Hardingham 102 for 3 (16 overs). Match abandoned.

July 22nd 2010

U11 - Tas Valley v Garboldisham

Tas Valley batted first and made 129 for 0 with Joeseeph Wilson scoring a superb 88 not out and being well supported by Jonathon Cooper with 20 not out. For Garboldisham Oscar Rushen was the most economical bowler with 0 for 11 off 3 overs.

When Garboldisham batted Campbell Young made an excellent 31, but 3 run outs did not help the Garboldisham cause and they were bowled out for 63, with the Tas Valley wicket takers being Crispin Clarke 1 for 4, Tom Worley 1 for 6, Louis Simmonds 1 for 8 and Joeseeph Wilson 1 for 10.

July 18th 2010

U15 - Gt.Melton v Belton

R.Tiramana scored 58 not out in Belton's total of 108-2. Joe Bickel was Melton's most economical bowler with figures of 1-5 from 3 overs.

Melton's prolific opening pair of George King and Chris Greenslade made chasing Belton's total look comparatively easy. They were quick to punish any loose bowling. King scored 45 not out and Greenslade made 55 before retiring, allowing Toby Wyatt (5 not out) to hit the winning runs in the 12th over.

July 16th 2010

U15 - Tas Valley v Gt.Ellingham

Gt Ellingham produced some tight bowling and good fielding to restrict Tas Valley to 89 for 4, with Lake 1 for 5, Sterment 1 for 9, Evernett 1 for 17 and Thompson 1 for 17 being the wicket takers.

For Tas Valley, Wastell top scored with 40 not out. In reply while Howard bowled well in taking 1 for 7, Thompson 38 not out and Zeke 30 not out saw Gt Ellingham to 93 for 1 and a well earned victory.

July 14th 2010

U11 - Tas Valley v Gt.Melton

On a warm Sunday morning at Tas Valley, Gt Melton produced an impressive all round performance to record a comprehensive 76 run victory.

Batting first Gt Melton scored 138 without loss at the end of their 16 overs, with Joe Greenslade making a superb 76 not out and being well supported by Ben Carding 32 not out.

As with their batting Gt Melton's bowlers proved to be equally effective and bowled Tas Valley out for 62, with the main wicket takers being Joe Greenslade 3 for 12 and M Rennie 2 for 5. For Tas Valley Joeseeph Wilson top scored with 25.

July 12th 2010

U15 - Gt.Melton v Garboldisham

L.Taylor scored 49 in 16 overs before being caught and bowled off the last ball. J.Seaman scored 29 not out as Garboldisham totalled 137-3.

Melton's reply was built on Toby Wyatt's 36 and, with Joe Bickle scoring 16 they had an outside chance of victory but, needing 10 an over off the last 3 proved too much.

July 9th 2010

U15 - Tas Valley v Belton

Despite a fine 70 not out from Joel Howard, Tas Valley could only muster 108 for 5 from their 16 overs, with the best Belton bowling being provided by Romesh Tiramana with 1 for 5 off 3 overs.

In reply Belton openers Tiramana and Savory were never in trouble with Tiramana batting powerfully with 12 fours and a six, in his 57 not out, while Savory provided a good 20 not out to take Belton to a fine 7 wicket win.

July 6th 2010

U17 - Mulbarton v Old Buckenham

Looking for their first win in this league against visitors Old Buckenham, Mulbarton despatched both openers with good spells from Batch and Whitlock by the fifth over. Long and Anthony should have joined them soon after but both were dropped from consecutive balls off the unlucky Whitlock in the next over. Although Anthony went soon afterwards, Long capitalised on his good luck to provide the backbone of the Bucks total with 53no. Having kept a lid on the scoring early in the innings, Mulbarton conceded 52 from the last five overs as Bucks finished on 126.

Initially well up with the rate in reply, Gibbins top scored with 33 but Old Buckenham bowled well, with Thompson (3 for 11) particularly destructive, pitching the ball up and making life difficult for the home side. The frustration was evident as wickets tumbled; what had initially seemed an attainable total

gradually receded into the distance as the Mulbarton challenge fell away leaving Old Buckenham comfortable winners.



MCC U17 SNCLLeague Team

July 5th 2010

U15 - Hethersett & Tas Valley v Mulbarton

Put into bat Tas made a torrid start losing both Woodward and Wistel before double figures were on the board. An excellent partnership of 84 between Adams (32no) and Hutt (35) rebuilt the innings but Mulbarton bowled and fielded well before Hutt was dismissed last ball to restrict the home side to 89.

On this small ground with its scorched outfield this was a challenging total to defend and George (58no) hit a brutal half century taking Mulbarton halfway towards their target by the end of the fourth over. There was some success for the bowlers taking three wickets with Wilson (1 for 15) particularly impressive but despite the best efforts of Tas in the field, the visitors reached their target with more than six overs to spare.

July 2nd 2010

U13 Girls - Old Buckenham win inaugural title

Old Buckenham secured the inaugural U13 girls trophy with a convincing win over Mulbarton to finish the season unbeaten.

An under par Mulbarton played well below their capabilities as their own challenge for the title melted away.

Bucks bowled and fielded well to restrict the visitors to 276 for 4 (net 256) before replying with some attractive and confident batting taking the score well beyond their opponents (net 286).

Although evenly matched, Old Buckenham were far more cohesive and motivated on the night and thoroughly deserved their win. Well done girls.



U13 Old Buckenham Girls

July 1st 2010

U11 - Gt.Melton v Mulbarton

Mulbarton's openers Morton and Arthurs batted steadily until the 6th over when Arthurs was bowled playing across a straight ball. Bartholomew did not last long beaten by a good ball from Ben Carding that caught him LBW. Kidner and Wear played well but runs were hard to find with the total finishing on 83. Sam Morton top scored with 31no.

The dangerous Carding fell early to Morton but Greenslade, in great form at the moment, scored another unbeaten half century to guide Melton to an easy win with more than five overs to spare.



MCC U11 Team

June 28th 2010

U11 - Rocklands Rustlers v Gt.Melton

A fine knock by J.Greenslade powered Gt. Melton to a good total on a very warm morning at Rocklands. He received good support from B. Carding (14) and R.Smith (8 not out).

In reply Rocklands lost wickets at regular intervals although Edward Proctor's 20 did give the home crowd some encouragement. Good bowling though from all the Melton bowlers led by B.Carding 2-2, J.Greenslade 2-6, R.Howard 1-10, and M.Rennie 1-8, ensured a comfortable win.

June 27th 2010

U13 - Tas Valley Match Reports

Tas Valley v Rocklands Raiders

In a high scoring match which Tas Valley won by 26 runs, Tas Valley batted first and reached 141 for 1 at the close of their innings, with Matt Wastell 57 not out and Joeseeph Wilson 48 not out producing an unbroken 2nd wicket partnership of 115. While both batsmen batted extremely well special mention must go to 11 year old Joeseeph Wilson as it is the second time in 3 under 13 matches that he has batted throughout the full 16 overs to finish on 48 not out.

In reply Rocklands looked to be struggling at 30 for 3 in the 7th over, but with G Evans 51 not out and E Crabtree 27 not out, they made a spirited recovery to finish on 115 for 3. For Tas Valley Matt Wastell took 2 for 21 off 3 overs and Jonathon Cooper 1 for 13 off 3 overs.

Tas Valley v Cringleford

Cringleford Lodge and Tas Valley produced an excellent and close game, which Cringleford Lodge eventually won by 7 runs. Batting first some accurate bowling restricted Cringleford to 67 for 0, with J Malcolm finishing on 28 not out and J Laney on 25 not out. In reply

Tas Valley soon began losing wickets, but with the score on 60 for 5 in the 13th over and with Tas Valley's top scoring batsman Joeseph Wilson still at the wicket the match was in the balance. However Tas Valley's hopes of victory were dashed by a brilliant direct hit which ran out Joeseph Wilson for 21. For Cringleford although most of their bowlers performed well, J Malcolm produced the best figures with 2 for 2 off 2 overs.

June 26th 2010

U15 - Mulbarton v Gt.Ellingham

A maiden half century by George (55), well supported by his opening partner Whitlock (22), gave the home side a perfect platform for a large score against visitors Gt.Ellingham. Mulbarton were looking good with 74 on the board by the eighth over before these two departed in quick succession; George caught and Whitlock bowled. Thompson (30no) helped keep the score moving but good bowling combined with excellent ground fielding by the visitors slowed the rate and Thompson's partners made only the briefest appearances at the other end. When a total of 150 had easily looked possible at one stage, Mulbarton had to settle for 127. Clark (2 for 18) and Thomson (2 for 17) bowled particularly well.

It should have been enough though with Bradley and Everett's accurate opening spells stifling the run rate. At the halfway mark Ellingham still needed 83 and a comfortable win for Mulbarton looked the most likely outcome. Whitlock also bowled well but the rest of the attack lacked control and the rate accelerated in part thanks to the profligacy of extras (51). It was an edgy finish with Lake (43) looking particularly threatening. With 31 required off the last two overs a win looked a real possibility for the visitors. But in the end it was just too much and Mulbarton were lucky to scrape home by 6 runs with Lake caught last ball by Thompson off his own bowling.



Mulbarton (left) and Gt.Ellingham U15 Teams

June 24th 2010

U13 - Garboldisham v Rocklands Royals

On a warm evening Rocklands batted first and Craig Ellis carried his bat throughout the innings and in doing so helped Rocklands to finish on 98 for 3 wickets.

Garboldisham without top batsman Dan Taylor knew a solid start was essential. Sam Baker and Jake Snowling ran for everything and gradually the boundaries came and when the first wicket fell the scores were level. Sam being out for a maiden 50. Jack Haliwell guided the ball to the boundary for the winning runs.

Well done to all at Rocklands including Mervin and their faithful scorer Maureen for playing in a great spirit.

June 21st 2010

U11 - Mulbarton v Topcroft

Mulbarton lost the toss and were made to bat first with the openers Bartholomew (14) and Morton (13) taking the score to 44 by the halfway stage before Sam Morton played on. Good contributions followed from the others with A.Bainbridge (17no) top scoring in a total that finished on 98.

In reply Topcroft struggled to get runs on the board and the home side bowled well taking six wickets, all bowled, to restrict the

visitors to 68 by the close.



Mulbarton CC U11 SNCLLeague Team

June 20th 2010

U13 - Mulbarton v Gt.Ellingham

Gt.Ellingham won the toss and elected to field. At this level, it is always easier to chase the runs. The opening pair of Whitlock and Lynds started with purpose but lost their wickets early which left the team struggling on 13 for 2 at the end of the 3rd over. Josh Bartholomew partially repaired the innings with a resounding 29 that included four 4s and a 6 but none of his partners were able to hang around and Mulbarton were bowled out rather cheaply for 76.

The first two batsmen for Gt Ellingham scored 25 and 15 apiece but at a very slow rate. With only 18 on the board by the end of the 7th over Mulbarton looked well on track for a surprising win. But Ellingham responded well and got the board moving again to chase down this modest total in the penultimate over.

June 18th 2010

U17 - High scoring game at Rectory Meadow



Nick Mackenzie
of Mulbarton CC

June 17th 2010

The Diss boys having been put into bat on the small ground gave the Mulbarton's opening attack a real pasting. Mulbarton fielded energetically but Spinks (40), Blakely (31) and C.Pask (59), had 107 on the board by the half way mark and a massive score looked likely. But Mulbarton kept going and good catches from Mackenzie and a corker from Wilford, along with wickets for Batch, Culling and Gibbins, pegged the home side back as they managed only a further 66 off their remaining eight overs to reach 173; an achievable total on this small ground.

The visitors needed a good start but Gibbins was back in the pavilion before the end of the first over top edging a ball to the keeper. George (22) and Mackenzie (65) put on 67 for the second wicket before George perished in the same manner as Gibbins. Well behind the rate now Mackenzie pushed on but his partners came and went before he himself was caught. A plucky innings of 13no at the end from Batch kept some pressure on but there was too much to do and Mulbarton finished 29 short of their target in a pulsating and exhilarating game. Pick of the bowlers was A.Blakely with 2 for 10.

U15 - Garboldisham v Rocklands Rockets

The visitors batted first but struggled to get enough runs on the board as the good bowling from the Garboldisham lads kept them pinned down.

Rocklands' opener, J Noonan dabbled a ball that spiralled high for a well-taken catch by Tom Shaw fielding at third man. G Wayne hit a nice string of fours before nicking a ball in the following over from Ben Holdsworth for a well taken catch from Garby keeper Lewis Taylor. And in case the umpire was in two minds as to whether Wayne had edged it or not, quick-thinking Taylor followed up with a stumping as the batsman stepped out of his crease.

The Rocklands' number 3, S. Hinchcliffe looked handy with the bat before being bowled by Joe Seaman. Seaman was the pick of the Garby bowlers finishing on 2 for 7 off 3 and there was economic bowling from Joe Paul (0 for 5 off 3) and a nice spell from Nathan Lamb (0 for 12 off 3) who showed that he can bowl as well as keep wicket. Nathan was having a day off from his usual position behind the stumps. Rocklands finished on 78 for 6.

Garboldisham openers Matt Allin and Joe Seaman got off to a slow but patient start. By the fourth over the runs began to flow until Seaman (9 runs) swept a shot into the hands of the Rocklands fielder off the bowling of J Baker. In at 3, Lewis Taylor played an assortment of delicate shots to finish on 12 not out. But it was Matt Allin who knocked the winning shot to leave Garboldisham on 80 for 1 after 11 overs and a win of 6 wickets. Allin, buoyed up from a Sunday friendly the previous day where he'd scored 82, finished on 41.

June 16th 2010

U11 - Tas Valley v Gt.Ellingham

Tas Valley batted first and scored 80 for 3, with Casper King providing a top score of 19 not out.

For Gt Ellingham Will Watling took 2 for 12 from 3 overs and Kelsey Lake 1 for 8 from 2 overs.

In reply Gt Ellingham got off to a good start with an opening partnership of 22. However once the opening partnership was broken good Tas Valley bowling in particular from Jonathan Cooper with 3 for 7 from 3 overs and Joeseeph Wilson 2 for 4 from 3 overs saw Gt Ellingham being bowled out for 50, of which Will Watling added to his good bowling with a top score of 13.

June 14th 2010

U11 - Rocklands Rustlers v Garboldisham

Exceptionally accurate bowling by the Garboldisham team restricted Rocklands to 51. Edward Proctor's innings of 24 contained three 4's. Garboldisham gave away only 13 in extras throughout the 16 overs.

Rocklands tried hard in reply but despite excellent catches from Alex Neil and Matthew Noonan Garboldisham reached their target in the 10th over.

June 13th 2010

Girls League - Mulbarton v Garboldisham

Asked to bat after losing the toss the Mulbarton innings started brightly with M.Bird (8) and C.Bond putting on 24 for the first pair. Good contributions followed from all of the others with S.Leek (27) and R.Armes (24) particularly impressive. These large scores along with much improved running between the wickets propelled the Mulbarton score to an impressive 323 for the loss of just one wicket (net 318). Bessie was pick of the visitors' attack with her three overs costing just 16.

Garboldisham matched Mulbarton run for run until the twelfth over but crucially lost four wickets; two run outs, a good catch by Leek and one bowled. Needing 64 off the last four overs was a herculean task and that they managed 36 was largely credit to an accomplished innings of 20 from C.Evans.

This was a cohesive effort from both teams which provided an entertaining evening enjoyed by a large and appreciative crowd.

June 11th 2010

U11 - Bunwell pull out of competition

Bunwell have announced their withdrawal from the U11 league having failed to attract enough players in this age group.

Youth manager Chris Brook said "Bunwell under 11 team will be unable to play in this years competition due to a lack of players. Last year at training we were getting 30 kids regularly but this year we have dropped down to 8 with only 3 suitable to play hardball cricket...we cannot see how we can complete our fixtures at present."

"Rest assured we will be back as youth is the future."

The committee have decided not to seek a replacement for Bunwell at this late stage.

June 8th 2010

U13 - Rocklands Raiders v SNDDG

Good match played in good spirit and all the players enjoyed themselves. Notable batting performances by Ethan Crabtree (Rocklands) - 36 runs and E Reay (SNDDG) - not out 22 runs.

June 8th 2010

U13 - Garboldisham v Mulbarton

Batting first, Garboldisham had a strong side who knew how to exploit the many spaces created by 8 a side cricket. Their openers scored 55 and 12 apiece. It was obvious that they had a good eye for the ball and had power behind their strokes so any loose ball was punished. The Mulbarton side showed the opposition how to field preventing a number of boundaries with enthusiastic dives and getting their bodies behind the ball. Sam Morton managed to bowl Taylor (55) with a well pitched up ball and suddenly there was light at the end of the tunnel (a long one as the score was 65 for 1 after 6 overs). However it took until the 9th over for Jonny Whitlock to take a catch behind off Sam Bartholomew's bowling to get the 2nd opener out. The 3rd and 4th batsmen scored 28 and 34 NO to establish a high score for this level of cricket. Theo Lynds lifted the gloom with a well bowled first ball to take the wicket of Snowling (28) but by now the score was 125. Matthew Samson was rewarded for some good bowling with an LBW decision in the last over.

It was going to take some committed batting to prevent a comprehensive defeat. This is what we got with the opening pair of Jonny Whitlock (36) and Ed Hodges (5) batting through to the 6th over before Ed Hodges was bowled. Jonny Whitlock batted with style and purpose and should be well pleased with his contribution. Matthew Samson (16) came in at No 3 and picked up the pace of running between the wicket taking the score to 74 before being bowled in the 11th over. Josh Bartholomew (9) tried valiantly to maintain the momentum with two well hit boundaries. What he lacks in style he made up with sheer effort. However stepping across the wicket earned him an easy LBW decision. This left the remainder of the batting 3 overs to make up 67 runs which was clearly not going to happen so it was nice to see the team make a collective decision to ensure they got into 3 figures and earn a well deserved point for their efforts.

June 6th 2010

Girls' League - Ellingham/Rocklands withdraw from competition.

Despite the very best efforts from these two clubs they have been unable to recruit enough girls to field a team in this new competition.

With regret they have announced their withdrawal from this summer's league.

June 4th 2010

U11 - Topcroft outclassed by Melton

On a glorious evening Gt Melton outclassed Topcroft to win by 62 runs. With one player failing to arrive, Gt Melton made the most of the spaces in the field and scored 94 for 2 with the impressive B Carding scoring 43.

B Carding then impressed with the ball taking 2 for 1 from his 1 over. Topcroft never got going and scored 32 all out against some disciplined bowling by the visitors.

June 4th 2010

U13 - Melton secure big win against Rocklands Royals

Michael Farmer (Gt Melton) scored his maiden 50. Both he and Chris Greenslade retired after reaching their half centuries. C.Ellis batted well in Rocklands' reply, scoring 31.

June 4th 2010

U13 Girls' League - Bucks run out winners in closely contested game

It needed something special to drag us all up to Orchard Park Mulbarton on an evening better suited to a quiet snooze in a comfy chair. And it was special; the very first girls' league game at The Club against Old Buckenham. Put into bat, the visitors made steady if unspectacular progress towards a competitive total of which nearly three quarters were extras. They made 31 off the bat but more importantly only lost two wickets. Hayley was top scorer with a solid 11 not out.

Mulbarton's reply followed pretty much the same pattern and with 46 runs needed off the final four overs, a victory for Old Buckenham looked certain. They hadn't reckoned on Rosie Armes (21 no) though who brought the game to life clubbing two sixes and two fours in an over that cost 24 runs. Suddenly the crowd were interested again as a last gasp win looked possible, but unfortunately the dashing cavalier spent most of the remaining three overs marooned at the non strikers end and Buckenham, taking two late wickets, were able to cling on with eight runs to spare.



Mulbarton CC U13 Girls' Team

May 26th 2010

U15 - Saxlingham v Mulbarton

Mulbarton out of sorts

Tip and run anyone? Well of course not. But no one had told Saxlingham who, put into bat by the visitors, set about plundering the Mulbarton bowling with quick calling and running between the wickets; impressive stuff. Helped in their task by sloppy fielding, the pair of Fleming (58) and Bailey (25) put on 84 for the second wicket. With 100 on the board by the tenth over, even after these two were removed by Rhatigan and Pocklington respectively, the momentum continued as the home side finished on an impressive 146.

Where Mulbarton had been lethargic in the field, the home side were bursting with energy. After George (7) was run out by a direct hit and Whitlock (12) dismissed to an astonishing reaction catch at mid off there was only ever going to be one result. Bradley batted tenaciously for his 19 before Mulbarton's reply fizzled out only halfway towards the target.



Mulbarton CC U15 Team

May 26th 2010

U13 - Rocklands Royals v Cringleford Lodge

Outstanding bowling & fielding performance by the Royals.

Cringleford all out in 9 overs for 23 runs. Other notable bowling performances by: Craig Ellis - 2 overs 2 wickets for 2 runs, Matt Miners - 2 overs, wicket maiden, 1 wicket for 3 runs, Tom Wagg - 2 overs 1 wicket for 8 runs. Rocklands chased down the score in the 5th over for the loss of 2 wickets.

May 24th 2010

U15 - Last ball win against Hardingham sees Melton go top

Excellent match. One ball remaining when Chris Greenslade hit the winning four. Melton were 6 wickets down with last man, 11-year-old Joe Greenslade, joining his brother at the wicket. Chris (an U13) batted very well for his 44 not out.

Hardingham's J.Harris was the mainstay of Hardingham's innings with an unbeaten half-century.

May 21st 2010

U13 - Mulbarton v Rocklands Raiders

Rocklands Raiders were the visitors to Orchard Park for their U13 fixture against Mulbarton who, batting first, accumulated the bulk of their early runs through extras. Bartholomew (19) and Pocklington (8) put on 69 for the first wicket before an attacking innings from Morton (23) propelled the final score to a competitive 125 for 5. Most of the Rocklands attack struggled with their line and only Crabtree (2 for 10) and Evans (2 for 17) managed any real control with the ball.

The visitors reply started briskly with quick runs coming off the opening attack. Already 31 on the board by the fifth over, the target looked well in reach but when Morton (2 for 8) removed the dangerous Crabtree (23), the momentum stalled. Evans (14) pushed on but he had no real support from his partners and the innings quickly collapsed to 58 all out.



Mulbarton CC U13 SNCL Team

May 17th 2010

U13 - Rocklands Royals & Saxlingham tie

A pleasing debut for two Saxlingham players with Matt Wileman batting very well for 24 no.

Craig Ellis for Rocklands bowled very well and was a very effective bat, making 28.

The game ended in a tight finish on equal scores with both sides having 3 wickets down after Rocklands scrambled a single off the final ball.

May 11th 2010

U13 - Holders off to a flyer on polling day

Thanks to Peter Barnes who agreed to a late switch of venue. The game should have been played at Great Melton but was switched as the Melton pavilion was being used as a polling station.

It was a close game, played in a good spirit. Chris Greenslade scored 50 for Melton before being 'retired' and D.Taylor did the same for Garboldisham - also retiring.

May 10th 2010

Weather has final say in first girls' game

The very first U13 girls' league game fell foul of the unseasonable May weather as a potentially exciting finish was ruined by heavy rain.

Garboldisham posted a competitive 282 for 2 off their innings and Old Buckenham looked set fair to challenge this with a good start, reaching 236 for 2 before the heavens opened.

A tie was agreed between the teams.

May 8th 2010

Last Ball thriller goes Mulbarton's Way

U15 Mulbarton v Belton

With Mulbarton winning the toss and opting to bowl, the visitor's two openers looked out of sorts against good opening spells from Bradley and Holden with most of their total accumulating from extras. The home side's fielding was a little erratic at first but tightened up as the bitter north easterly wind and plummeting temperatures encouraged any opportunity to run around; avoiding the onset of hypothermia. Belton accelerated after this before James Whitlock removed the dangerous looking Savoury (15) as part of an outstanding spell (3 for 17) and J.Bartholomew took care of Tirimana

(23). From then on good fielding and bowling pegged the visitors back with only 29 runs coming from the last 7 overs. With 96 the target, like Belton, the home side struggled to get the board moving. B.Wood bowled a particularly frugal spell with his three overs yielding just six runs, including the only maiden of the match.. By the tenth over, two wickets down, 60 was still needed and the match was inexorably drifting away. James Whitlock (29no) and J.Bartholomew (32no) however had other ideas. With different styles; one stylish and technically classic, the other brutal and aggressive, they complemented each other perfectly, mounting a sustained attack on the total with 47 runs coming from the next 4 overs. With six runs needed off the last over, an overthrow off the last ball enabled Mulbarton to scramble past the winning post.
Match facts: Belton 96 for 4 (16 overs). Mulbarton 97 for 2 (16 overs). Mulbarton won by 5 wickets.

May 6th 2010

Format for Girls Competition

After canvassing the clubs involved: Garboldisham, Gt.Ellingham & Rocklands, Mulbarton and Old Buckenham, option 2 was chosen as the preferred format for the inaugural competition this summer.

This will mean each team playing the others twice giving six games per club.

The objective is to encourage competitive participation and help girls sections to consolidate and work towards dedicated leagues at all age groups.

Mulbarton CC intends to run another girls' day as part of its Tenth Annual Carnival on Tuesday August 24th - format to be decided.

March 1st 2010

Entry opens for 2010 Competition

Pre registered clubs should now confirm their entry by completing [the online form](#).

Please note that an entry must be completed for each team, along with relevant team manager details. These will remain confidential; circulated only to other managers within the league. They will not be published on this or any other site.

The final date for entry into the 2010 competition is Saturday March 13th.

February 3rd 2010

League welcomes Barnard Sports

As part of their continuing support of youth and girls' cricket in the county, The League is proud to welcome [Barnard Sports](#) as partners for the 2010 competition.

They will generously be providing winner's medals for all five leagues in this summer's competition as a permanent memento of the teams' achievements throughout the season.

[Barnard Sports](#) carries a wide range of cricket equipment, including the largest selection of bats in the county. Personal service combined with internet prices make it the first choice for the youth player.

Whether you are an individual choosing your first bat or an experienced player looking to replace or upgrade your equipment, Barnard Sports offers unrivalled choice; you can now buy online too - visit their [site](#) today.

February 3rd 2010

Record number of clubs registered for 2010

With nearly five months still to go until the start of the season, there has been a record number of clubs preregistering their interest for the coming year.

Previous worries in some quarters that the new league would dilute participation in other competitions have proved groundless; the number of clubs and schools fielding youth sides in all forms of the game has continued to rise, proving that additional opportunities further increase involvement in our summer game.

It is hoped that the league provision on offer for girls only teams this summer, both from this [competition](#) and that of [The Lady Taverners](#), run by The Norfolk Cricket Board, will provide an attractive incentive for the increasing number of girls taking up the game.

Don't forget that the league will be welcoming girls as part of the hard ball competitions where they may play [two years](#) below their age.

The following clubs have expressed an interest in competing in the coming summer's competitions and while this does not confirm participation, it is a healthy sign for this season's cricket.

U11: Bunwell, Garboldisham, Great Ellingham, Great Melton, Hethersett & Tas Valley, Mulbarton, Rocklands and Topcroft.

U13: Belton, Bunwell, Cringleford Lodge, Garboldisham, Great Ellingham, Great Melton, Hethersett & Tas Valley, Mulbarton, Rocklands and Saxlingham.

U15: Belton, Garboldisham, Great Ellingham, Great Melton, Hethersett & Tas Valley, Hardingham, Mulbarton, Rocklands and Saxlingham.

U17: Bunwell, Diss, Garboldisham, Hardingham, Mulbarton and Old Buckenham.

U13 Girls: Garboldisham, Mulbarton, Old Buckenham.

There is still plenty of time to [register](#) if you wish to be considered for next season with the closing date not until March.

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