



## End of season roundup

Launching a new U9 section and welcoming a record entry of forty nine teams, The League was in good health in this, its eighth season. Now played across five age groups, the sixteen over eight a side format again provided many entertaining games and some outstanding performances from our young cricketers throughout the summer, a clear demonstration that there is still plenty of depth in the youth game.

The U17 League, won in the two previous seasons by Garboldisham, was tightly contested this year with the ten teams from two regional groups playing for a place in the super 4s. Dereham and Cringleford Lodge from the north along with Diss and Gt.Ellingham from the south made up the final winners' league and it was new boys Dereham, winning all six of their games, who clinched the title with Cringleford runners up. Tom Puckey's 85 for Swaffham against Rocklands was the U17's best knock while Sonny Richmond of Dereham collected the top bowling award with his 4 for 6 against Mattishall.

In the new U9 League, it was Topcroft, last year's U11 champions, who again proved themselves strong at this younger age group. Winning all four of their games, they only came close to defeat against a strong Brooke side who restricted them to a ten run victory. Despite this dominance, it was Hethersett and Tas Valley who bagged the best batting and bowling performances in the very last game of the season; Will Worley's 27no and William Robertson's 4 for 6 eclipsing previous efforts, both against Gt.Ellingham. Gt.Melton, losing only to Brooke by 20 runs, finished second in the table.

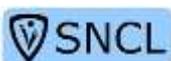
Unusually, and unlike previous years, each league was topped by sides who won all of their games and in the U11 competition Gt.Melton's outstanding squad left the others trailing in their wake, playing for runner up spot long before the season reached its conclusion. It was only Mulbarton and Rocklands who provided any semblance of real resistance throughout Melton's campaign. Rocklands kept pace with the champions throughout the summer with seven straight wins but Melton's superior points score was always going to keep them on track for a third consecutive U11 title. Rocklands were worthy runners up with Hethersett & Tas Valley third. Elliot Hart of Garboldisham topped the batting with his 65no against Mundford while appropriately, Melton's Sam Johnson took best bowling spot with his 3 for 0, also against Mundford.

If the gulf between Melton and the others in the U11 competition was marked, then it was absolutely huge at U13 level where they were completely untroubled; their 37 run victory over Hethersett & Tas Valley in the last game the closest they came to defeat. Competition was hot behind them though with positions constantly changing. In the end it was Tas who grabbed second slot from Swaffham by the smallest margin - a tenth of a point. Melton even fielded an U13 Girls team whose victims included Rocklands, Garboldisham, Old Buckenham and Gt.Ellingham, earning them a fourth place finish underlining the club's consistency and performance at all levels. Best with the bat, 69no, was tied between Melton's Fergus Hughes' against Gt.Ellingham and by Tas' Tom Worley v Mulbarton while with the ball, Thetford's Emma Allison's 5 for 8 v Mulbarton was the top performance, one of only two fifers this summer.

While Melton again secured the U15 trophy, there was stiffer competition from other teams and they had to work harder, particularly to fend off the challenge from Mulbarton. But in the end, as in previous years, their main challenger, Mulbarton stumbled before summer's end as a loss by three wickets to Old Buckenham snuffed out their chance of securing their first title. In their game against Melton they ran them close, only losing by 17 runs, but it was not enough as Mulbarton finished runners up with Old Buckenham third and Gt.Ellingham fourth. Tom Osborn's 109no against Garboldisham for Mulbarton was the summer's top performance and solitary century of the season with George Southgate's 5 for 6 the only other fifer for Garboldisham against Rocklands.

Congratulations to all players, coaches, managers and parents for again giving up their time to keep the beautiful game alive and well in Norfolk.

JH - September 13th 2014



## U15 Rocklands v Garboldisham

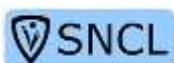
In Garboldisham's last youth game of the season, it was the U15 team who travelled to Rocklands hoping to end with a win to finish off what has been a rather disappointing season.

Rocklands skipper Ed Proctor won the toss and chose to bat first. Openers Milan Pandit and Oliver Kerrison batted sensibly on what was a difficult track. Pandit and Kerrison raised the score to 33 before Pandit was bowled by Toby Culling for 7. Culling then pinned Josh Walker LBW first ball, sadly he couldn't quite reach his hat trick, although he finished with figures of 2-13. Ed Proctor and Oliver Kerrison kept on batting and took the score to 58 before Oliver Kerrison was bowled by George Southgate for 10. 2 overs later Southgate then dismissed the rest of Rocklands with 4 wickets in a row to bag himself a fiver.

After the 1st ball of his over going for 1 (dropped catch), he then got skipper Ed Proctor who was caught by Joe Baker for 7 (batsmen crossed), Southgate then got his third wicket with the next ball as he bowled Noah Coates for 10, so a hat trick was on the cards and achieved with his next ball as Tom Coath was dispatched for a golden duck. Southgate's 5th victim wicket was Seth Coates, out first ball. So Southgate claimed the best bowling figures (5-6) with probably the last game of the season as Rocklands were all out for 59.

In reply Garboldisham soon raced to 22 off the first 3 overs before Joe Baker spooned one high in the air for 7, Pringle came and went for 2, meanwhile Ling, who batted well, lost his wicket with a good catch by Oliver Kerrison for 16. Toby Culling then batted well scoring 14 not out, as did Jake Aisthorpe who finished with similar figures. Garby did also lose Finley Marshall for a duck but the Rocklands total was too small to defend and the visitors crossed the line with 3 wickets to spare.

Thomas Ling - September 5th 2014



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

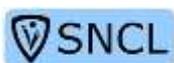
The last day of the season was a fitting time for the battle of the titans in the South Norfolk Community League between the two unbeaten sides, Great Melton and Rocklands and, after an excellent game of cricket, it was all-conquering Melton that came out on top, winning by 13 runs to make it a hat-trick of South Norfolk League titles for Melton's juniors.

It didn't start well for the visitors when Oli Leinster lost the toss and was asked to bat and things got even worse when Jack Gorman (0) and Josh Wright (1) were dismissed inside the first 3 overs by Rocklands' opening pair Daisy Peake and Andrew Thresh. At 6-2, with two of the 'bigger hitters' gone, it needed other players to take responsibility. Melton's teamwork has been tested numerous times this season and never found wanting and, on this occasion Melton's saviours came in the shape of Charlie Green and Oli Leinster. Deciding to block the straight deliveries, push singles and hope for the occasional boundary, the pair batted very well for 10 overs, adding 69 valuable runs. When Melton's skipper was out in the 13th over for an impressive 17, the score had moved to something approaching 'defendable'. James Bridges (0) came and went before Green was eventually bowled by Peake for an really excellent 32 leaving Mark Attfield (3 not out) and Ben Johnson (1 not out) to scramble a few late runs. Rocklands' bowling and fielding was really good with Daisy Peake (3-1-6-3), Andrew Thresh (3-1-5-1) and Luke Webster (2-0-6-0) extremely economical but, after the start they had, Melton's 87-4 represented a good recovery.

Melton knew they had to bowl and field well and really earn the title against a good Rocklands' side but Thresh and James Atkin got them off to a good start against Bridges and Green with 23 off the first 4 overs. Excellent spells of bowling in the middle part of the innings by, first Wright (3-1-7-0) and Attfield (3-0-9-0), then by Johnson (2-0-9-0) slowed then down and, when Leinster (1-0-5-1) broke the partnership by having Atkin well caught by Bridges at mid-on for 6, Rocklands were on 41 and the run-rate had crept up to nearly 7 an over. James Ketteridge (1-0-3-1) then bowled another very good over and took a diving return catch to dismiss Webster (5). The final 2 overs came with the home side still needing 27 to win and, with the field spread and Green and Bridges to bowl, it was too much. Thresh was brilliantly caught by wicket-keeper Jack Gorman off Bridges for 22 and, although Peake tried hard and remained unbeaten on 10, Melton won by 13 runs. Green (3-0-11-0) and Bridges (3-0-14-1), like the other Melton bowlers, returned tidy figures and Melton celebrated a notable 'double'.

With the Terry Moore Trophy and the South Norfolk Community League Cup in the trophy cabinet and a record of Played 24, Won 22 Lost 1, Abandoned 1, it represents an absolutely brilliant season. The team's only defeat came in the final of the Gresham's Tournament when Melton lost to a Taverham Hall team that included Melton's Oli Leinster and Saxon Earley!

Steve Phoenix - August 31st 2014



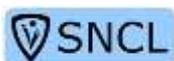
### **U11 League - Melton bag their fourth title**

Even by Gt.Melton's high standards this was an outstanding season for their U11 squad as they swept all before them to win both the Junior Alliance and SNCL titles without losing a single game – an outstanding achievement.

Only similarly unbeaten Rocklands came close to matching them but even with maximum points from their remaining two games, this will not be enough to overhaul their neighbours. Melton dropped only eight points in their 2014 campaign with Mulbarton coming closest to challenging them; reducing their usually huge margin of victory to just 21 runs.

Rocklands will claim runner up spot with Hethersett & Tas Valley third in this sixth season of the U11 competition in which Gt.Melton have dominated, winning four of the titles including those of 2010, 2011 & 2012. Garboldisham won the inaugural championship in 2009 while Topcroft provided a trip away for the cup from Melton's trophy cabinet last summer.

JH - August 26th 2014

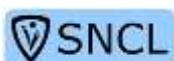


### **U11 Gt.Melton v Mundford**

Sam Johnson and Josh Wright took centre stage as Melton U11s recovered from losing Saxon Earley (3), Mark Attfield (0) and Nat Buxton (0) to a second-over hat-trick by Mundford's Charlie Wakefield, to eventually win by 64 runs. With Earley, for once, living up to his name with an early departure, chopping a ball onto his stumps, Attfield trapped lbw and Buxton clean-bowled Melton's unbeaten record briefly looked under threat but Johnson and Wright set about repairing the early damage and repair it they did. They were still there at the end of the 16 overs, their unbroken partnership of 111 containing some excellent shots, sound defence and sensible running. Sam hit his highest score, 44 not out, and played the shot of the day, a delightful cover drive, while Josh scored an impressive 38 not out.

Josh then produced a brilliant catch to remove Wakefield, first ball, off Ben Johnson before taking 1-7 off his 2 overs. Although he took another catch he was, however, just edged out as man-of-the-match by Sam who followed up his star performance with the bat with 3 wickets for no runs in 2 overs, currently the best bowling performance of the season in the SNCL. Brother Ben weighed in with 2-15 and Mark Attfield (2-1-4-1) got the other wicket as Mundford were bowled out for 58 with one over remaining.

Steve Phoenix -August 25th 2014



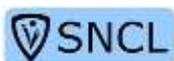
### **U11 Gt.Melton v Swaffham**

Melton U11s continue to sweep all before them as they followed up their Terry Moore Trophy win by moving a step closer to the South Norfolk Community League title with a convincing 76-run win over Swaffham.

Melton's side contained only 3 of the team that had appeared in the Alliance final but the club's strength-in-depth meant that they were still too strong for Swaffham. Having elected to bat first, Melton totalled 110-2 in their 16 overs although over 50% of the runs came from 'extras' (59 in fact!), mostly wides and no-balls, as some of the Swaffham bowlers struggled with both line and length. Melton were also quick to take advantage of any misfields, running numerous quick singles. Having lost Josh Wright, bowled by Hutchinson for 1, Charlie Green and Olly Leinster put on 45 for the second wicket before Leinster was run out off a no ball for 8. Green scored 20 but was not his usual fluent self, relying mainly on singles to push the score along but he and Olly Black #4# took Melton's total to 64 off 11 overs before being 'retired' to give some other batsmen the opportunity to have a little time at the wicket. James Bridges #16# hit 4 boundaries before he also retired with an over to go as Ben Johnson #2 not out# and Josh Allen #0 not out# finished off the innings. Matt Hutchinson (3-0-8-1), James Steeles (3-0-12-0) and young Liam Exley (2-0-4-0) were easily the visitor's best bowlers.

Charlie Steeles (13) batted well in Swaffham's reply but, although Exley (5) and George Upton (6 no) provided a little support, the 5 other Swaffham batsmen were all out for ducks as Melton's bowlers proved too accurate. Bridges (2-0-3-0) and Green (2-1-4-0) conceded just 7 runs in their first 4 overs but it was Olly Leinster (2-0-8-2) and Ben Johnson (2-1-5-3) who did the real damage, taking 5 wickets in a 4-over spell with Johnson's accurate swing bowling bringing him a triple-wicket maiden. Kit Fordham bowled 1 over for 7 runs before injuring his finger and having to leave the field and Josh Allen (1-7) picked up the final wicket as Swaffham were bowled out for 34 in the 10th over. Josh Wright kept wicket well for Melton.

Steve Phoenix - August 21st 2014



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

The U9's played their final game of the season today against Gt Ellingham at Tas and won very convincingly against a young G.E. side. The game was played in great spirit with the final score Gt. Ellingham 168-10 (118 Net) Tas 260-2 (250 Net).

G.E. batted first reaching 168-10 (118 Net), all but 1 run coming from wides or no balls (!). Star bowler for Tas was William Robertson who took 4 wickets for 6 runs (sadly for him a wide which went for 4!) from 3 overs. His last 2 overs were wicket maidens. Other notable bowling performances - Will Worley (2 overs, 1 maiden, 2 wickets for 4 runs) and Menuka Jayakody (2 overs, 1 maiden, 2 wickets for 3 runs).

Tas openers William Robertson and Joe Thorndyke were determined to put as many runs on the board as possible. Both played some great shots, Joe scoring 3 4's in his 18 not out and William 1 4 in his 17 not out. Stealing many extra runs from wides and no balls, their partnership was worth 63 from only 4 overs. The top Tas batting performance however came from Will Worley who scored 27 not out, hitting some fine 4's and also taking some very quick runs with his partner Josh Hayes.

The Tas innings ended on a whopping 260-2 (250 Net). Tas scored 75 from the bat but G.E. were pretty wayward with their bowling and so wides and no balls accounted for a very large part of the final score.

Sara Worley - August 18th 2014



### **Melton make it a hat trick**

Gt.Melton brushed aside visitors Garboldisham in this U13 fixture to confirm themselves as 2014 League champions. Steve Phoenix wrote "Melton's Craig Wilson (3-0-8-1), Luke Richards (2-0-8-1), Kyle Weston (3-0-10-1), Max Beckett (2-0-18-1) and Zak Ashdown (2-0-18-1) all took a wicket apiece as Garboldisham scored 77-5 in their 16 overs with David Thorne (13), G.Self (13 not out) and T.Simpson (12) their main contributors.

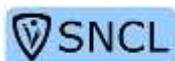
Weston then got Melton's reply off to a good start with a quick 17 and, when he was out, Tom Moye (22 not out) and Fergus Hughes (21 not out) knocked off the runs in just 8.4 overs."

This year's U13 trophy makes it a hat trick of wins for this successful club and underlines the increasing level of commitment and organisation required to recruit, engage and retain youth players in the sport set against the increasing diversions of the modern world, clearly demonstrating that there is still plenty of life in the youth game.

Garboldisham, the vanquished in this encounter, also won a hat trick of U13 crowns in 2009, 2010 and 2011 and can perhaps take some consolation in being the only team so far this season to wrest a single point from their opponents. Gt.Ellingham were the inaugural champions in 2008.

Congratulations to Gt.Melton who look increasingly likely to add both the U11 and U15 titles to this season's successful haul.

JH - August 13th 2014



### **U15 Garboldisham Roundup**

Having only completed 3 games so far this season, Garboldisham were playing catch up so they completed 3 games in 3 consecutive days. Garby played Mulbarton on Sunday, Great Melton on Monday and Cringleford Lodge on Tuesday. So to kill three birds in 1 stone, here are the three match reports:

Mulbarton 189-0 Garboldisham 77-4 (Mulbarton won by 112 runs)

Garby's first game out of the three was a home time against Mulbarton. Mulbarton lied 2nd in the league but the foxes were confident to put on a good show but sadly the performance slipped through their fingers, as must the ball, as the Garboldisham bowlers continuously bowled either too short or too full and batsmen Tom Osborn and Matt Samson found this far too easy to dispatch around the park. Mulbarton finished on 189 for no loss, with Osborn finishing 105 not out and Matt Samson 58 not out. Garboldisham reply was always going to be a very tough ask, it was made even tougher when Jack Simpson went for a Platinum duck, Angus Pringle 15, Joe Baker 7, Tom Ling 7 and Tom Simpson 9 not out, all added to the total with Matt Foster the stand out bat, with 31 not out, all in all the batsmen batted well but the total was far too large to worry about chasing the score. Mulbarton won by 112 runs. One thing to note though was that both openers were dropped, both before they reached their 50s.

Garboldisham 94-2, Great Melton 98-0 (Great Melton won by 7 wickets)

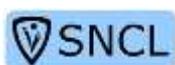
After yesterday's shocking performance with the ball, skipper Ling took a different approach and decided to bat first against the league leaders, things started well and Garboldisham racked up the runs, but once skipper Ling was bowled for 18 by Ben Carding and Joe Baker was caught behind off Lynch for 31, runs started to slow, but Toby Culling (11 no) and A.Pringle (4 no) steered Garby to 94-2, which was a reasonable score against the league leaders. Garboldisham's bowlers put on a much better display this time around, with much more good length bowling. Sadly when the bad bowl came in openers Carding and Smith punished it. It took Melton 10.3 overs to reach the score with Carding reaching 52 off the last ball, meanwhile Smith scored 29. A much better performance, with improvements with bat and bowl. Great Melton won by 7 wickets.

Cringleford Lodge 77-4, Garboldisham 80-4 (Garboldisham won by 3 wickets)

After gradual improvement over the last 2 games Garboldisham were confident they could finally put a second win on the board against Cringleford. Skipper Tom Ling lost the toss and was put in the field, Garboldisham openers bowled brilliantly in the first 4 overs with Matt Foster 2 overs 1 for 3 and Angus Pringle 2 overs 1 for 7. I Singh (duck) and Jake Curtis (1). After the openers finished Hayden Watling and Nathan Watling both continued the good bowling with figures of (0-11) and (0-12) respectfully, both of 3 overs. The other wickets that Garby took where Rob Duffy who was bowled by Oscar Lane for 20, and Michael Gaskins was caught and bowled by Joe Baker for 13. Other batsmen Cameron Vernon and Jack Cazier finished 10 not out and 5 not out respectfully. Cringleford finished on 77 for 4, including 28 extras (8 wides, 2 no balls, 8 leg byes). Garby's reply started badly with both Joe Baker and Jack Simpson being dismissed for only 3 runs between them, both bowled by Singh. Skipper Tom Ling then played a skipper's innings of 44 (caught and bowled Curtis) to guide Garby to the finishing line, with the other runs scorers Angus Pringle 7 (run out), Matt Foster 5 not out and Hayden Watling 3 not out. A good win in which was Cringleford's last game this year, Garboldisham finished on 80-4 and won by 3 wickets.

So improvement from Garboldisham as they pick up a second win in this years competition. Although Garby remain low in the table it must be noted that the 4 games they have lost this year were to the top 4 teams. With the next game on Monday at Rocklands.

Thomas Ling - August 11th 2014

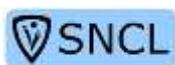


U15 Gt.Melton v Garboldisham

A half-century from Ben Carding in an unbroken first-wicket partnership of 98 with Rob Smith (29 not out) ensured that the U15s maintained their unbeaten record in the South Norfolk Community League with a comfortable 7-wicket victory over Garboldisham at Melton Park. Carding notched 52 not out but the pair weren't quite able to make it a century partnership!

It was an evening for the batsmen as Garboldisham lost only two wickets in their innings, Tom Ling bowled by Carding for 18 and Ben Baker caught behind by Becca Greenslade off Henry Lynch for 31. Carding was Melton's best bowler, as well as their top scorer, with 3-0-8-1, with Lynch (1-14), Marcus Mawby (0-12), Craig Attewell (0-17), Connor White (0-9), Tom Smith and Matt Ling all having a bowl.

Steve Phoenix - August 11th 2014



**U9 Topcroft v Gt.Ellingham**

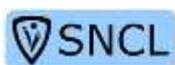
Topcroft CC completed their U9 SNCL campaign and kept their unbeaten record to claim the inaugural league title.

Batting first Topcroft posted an impressive 187 for 2 (Net 177) with Ollie Waters (10) and Sam Emms (17) the top scorers.

Gt Ellingham's young side scored 119 for 6 (Net 89) in reply against Topcroft's accurate attack. All the bowlers bowled well with the wickets shared around as Topcroft won by 88 runs.

A fantastic achievement by the small squad who have all developed significantly throughout the season.

David Reeder - August 11th 2014



**U9 Gt.Melton v Brooke**

The season has ended a little early for Great Melton U9s whose steady improvement brought them their third successive victory on Sunday.

Brooke won the toss and decided to bat first on another sunny morning at Melton Park. In the first over Ethan Ellis stopped a well hit shot off his own bowling and then ran out the opening batter. Some powerful hitting was matched by accurate bowling, with Max Wilson bowling the other opener. Making his debut for the Club, Ben Scott kept up the pressure on the visitors. Dilshan Rai was almost unplayable and took 1 wicket for 8 runs from 3 overs. Wickets for Cassie Mawby, Ben Johnson and Henry Marsh followed. Keeper Corey Rushton made some excellent stops and Brooke closed on 169 for 8, a net score of 129.

Max and Henry opened for Gt Melton and in a familiar calm and controlled manner batted through the first four overs without losing a wicket. Ben Scott and Ethan had a sparkling partnership of 16 not out. Corey hit runs off any loose bowling and gradually the opposition's score was overhauled. Ben and Cassie closed the innings with some great shots and familiar dramatic running. Gt Melton made 164 for 3, a net score of 149, to win by 20 runs.

This was the final competitive match of the season for the under 9s, who have played 11 matches winning 5 and losing 6. 21 boys and girls have represented the Club, many of whom playing their first ever competitive game. It has been a season full of fun and great cricket.

Steve Phoenix - July 29th 2014

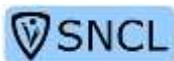


### **U13 Mulbarton v Gt.Melton**

Luke Richards made the most of a rare batting opportunity to score an unbeaten 42 in 8 overs as Great Melton U13s made short work of overhauling Mulbarton's total of 64 all out to win by 7 wickets. With main run scorers Fergus Hughes, Tom Moye and Pat Walton having had plenty of opportunity to bat and an Alliance semi-final looming against old rivals Great Witchingham, manager Martyn Moye, gave Richards and Craig Wilson the chance to open the innings. Wilson looked solid in a supporting role, scoring 13 but Richards attacked the bowling hitting a six and 7 fours to achieve his highest score to date.

Earlier spinners Tom Moye (3-1-8-2) and Fergus Hughes (1.4-0-3-2) had taken the bulk of the wickets as the home side were dismissed for 64, with Wilson (2-1-3-1), Kyle Weston (2-0-10-1) and Max Beckett (2-0-14-1) taking the others. B.Thorpe, with 22 and J.Stace with 11 were Mulbarton's top scorers.

Steve Phoenix - July 25th 2014

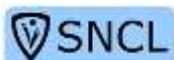


### **U13 Gt.Melton Girls v Old Buckenham**

Great Melton girls bounced back from their defeat a few days earlier against the boys to convincingly beat Old Buckenham. Aimee Palmer won the toss, batted and she and Robyn Edge then hammered the Bucks attack to all parts of the ground. Robyn hit some excellent straight drives and both girls deserved half-centuries as the innings ended on 126-0 with Aimee on 48 and Robyn on 49.

Some good bowling & fielding strangled the Old Buckenham reply but the first wicket didn't fall until the 12th over to debutant Caitlin Ellis. Robyn Edge also picked up a wicket and Palmer took two, one rather bizarrely ending with the ball getting stuck between middle and off stump! A great over from another debutant, 9-year-old Alice Greenslade only went for six runs and there was a superb diving catch from Emily Grisewood. Old Buckenham finished on 74-4 as Melton girls secured their third win in four SNCL matches. It was a convincing victory even without Beth Harmer who was playing in the Terry Moore Semi-Final.

Steve Phoenix - July 23rd 2014



### **U15 Hardingham v Garboldisham**

After Garboldisham's 2nd place finish in last year's under 15 campaign, it would seem that this year's campaign would be a whole lot different; with Garby sitting 2nd bottom after very poor and below par defeats to Old Buckenham and Hethersett & Tas Valley.

Anyway Garby were determined to put those too poor defeats behind them and pick up their first win at 5th placed Hardingham. Garby yet again lost the toss and batted first on what was a slow pace and low bounce wicket, hard to bat on for both teams.

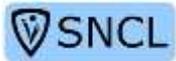
Garby started strongly with Jack Simpson and Joe Baker setting their authority over the game. But with the last ball of the over an unexpected wicket fell with Joe Baker being caught off the bowling of Cool for 6. Louis Hart was

next in but he failed to add to the run chase being bowled for 1 by Smith. Ling and Simpson then rebuilt the innings with Simpson reaching 50 with ease. Ling's wicket fell in the final over when he was caught behind for 14 (although not given out he walked), Foster then came in and adding 1 more and Garby finished on a 100 from their 16 overs, including 26 extras. Simpson finished 52 not out...

Hardinghams innings was good with their batsmen keeping up with the run rate well in the opening overs, the introduction off Oscar Lane and Louis Hart changed the game, with both having excellent figures of 1-14 and 2-8 respectively, Matt Foster, Hayden Watling and Nathan Watling also bowled well but didn't take the wickets they deserved. Some good batting at the end from Cherry (20 not out) and Elvin (7 not out) couldn't prevent Garby from winning.

An really good game off cricket which either team could have won, which is just what the Community League is all about, thanks Hardingham for a pleasant evening of cricket.

Thomas Ling - July 23rd 2014



### **Thetford withdraw from U15 League**

After completing only one fixture in the League, Andy Gray has bowed to the inevitable and withdrawn his U15 team from the competition with immediate effect.

It seems that several boys having committed to the team last season have lost interest in the game and with already fragile numbers this has made raising teams impossible.

The SNCL is proud in offering clubs such as Thetford the chance to play league cricket, helping to preserve the diversity and number of youth teams in the county.

Thetford's stronger U13 squad will continue with their league programme and we hope to welcome them back at U15 level in the future.

July 23rd 2014



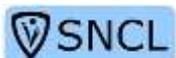
### **U9 Topcroft v Hethersett & Tas Valley**

Topcroft continued their good form with a 82 run victory over H&TV.

Topcroft batted first and posted an impressive 186 for no loss. Archie Waters (11), Will Colman (8) and Sam Emms (21) the main scorers.

In reply H&TV lost a wicket 2nd ball with Archie Waters taking a sharp caught and bowled catch. Will went onto bat positively though and hit two 4's in his 10. All the other batsmen struggled against Topcroft's accurate attack. Lewis Reeder bowled 3 overs, 3 maidens for 1 wicket and Archie Waters 3 overs, 3 wickets for 8 runs the pick. An excellent bowling and fielding display restricted H&TV to 139/7, net 104. Special mention to 6 year old Jayden Collins playing his first ever game.

David Reeder - July 20th 2014



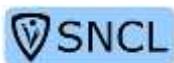
### **U13 Gt.Melton v Gt.Melton Girls**

Despite all the build-up and banter, Great Melton's 'battle of the sexes' – the first competitive match in Norfolk between a boys' and girls' team from the same club – ended in a convincing 142-run win for the boys who proved just too strong all round for their female rivals. The girls, however, impressed everyone with their skills and application and it was easy to see why they have already beaten mainly male sides from Rocklands and Garboldisham and occupy 2nd place, behind Melton boys, in the fledgling South Norfolk Community League table.

On a lovely warm, summer evening at the resplendent Melton Park, however, the boys were just too good. An unbeaten half-century from the in-form Patrick Walton, 37 runs including 2 sixes from Fergus Hughes and a stylish unbeaten 21 from Kyle Weston enabled the boys to post a commanding score of 165-2. The success for the girls came with the wickets of Tom Moye, run out by fellow skipper Aimee Palmer for 6, and Fergus Hughes being bowled by a Holly Marchant full toss but Walton, in particular, produced a cultured innings.

The Girls, tied down at the start by the accurate bowling of Craig Wilson (2-1-1-1) and Luke Richards (2-0-3-0), then suffered two huge blows losing Beth Harmer, bowled by Wilson for 2, and Palmer, run out by Richards for 2. Without their main run-scorers the girls were always going to struggle and, despite two superb fours from Becca Greenslade (8) and some stubborn resistance from Emily Grisewood and Cassie Mawby, the girls were bowled out in the 12th over for just 24, spinners Moye (2.1-1-1-2) and Fergus Hughes (2-1-2-2), reaping the rewards after the impressive earlier work of the seamers, Wilson, Richards, Weston (2-0-9-0) and Finlay Hughes (2-0-9-1).

Steve Phoenix - July 20th 2014



### **U15 Cringleford Lodge v Topcroft**

Topcroft had travelled to Cringleford earlier in the season in glorious bright sunshine only for the sky to turn ominously dark and then discharge unforgivingly about twenty minutes before the match .... no cricket that evening. Fast-forward to this rearranged fixture and once again the Sun shone brightly but this time the wet-stuff stayed away; also away were key players from both teams and with them the opportunity for rising stars to emerge from the shadows.

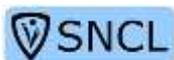
What about the cricket... As is often the case victory comes down to the final few overs and this match was no different. With ten runs needed, three overs to go and after two hours of cricket the winner would be decided on the final ball; a nervy time for any batsman and any bowler... a four to win, other permutations too but denied by a full length straight ball denying the batsman a cheeky single to narrow the gap further.

In reality either team could have won and a tied-match was probably a fairer result. Close scrutiny of the scorecard reveals periods in the match when both teams had opportunities to press home their advantage; both teams can reflect also on decisions in the match which could have reversed the result. The true measure of this match though were moments not periods (a reminder of the need to concentrate during each delivery if ever there were one) and perhaps the deciding factor was luck in the end and it was Cringleford's turn.

Pick of the batting the opening partnership of 89 for Jones (50) and Curtis (31) for Cringleford; solid performances under pressure from Howe (33) and Allen (37) for Topcroft when forced to chase the total. Of the bowlers Cringleford's Duffy impressed with 3 for 13 but more importantly holding his nerve during the match winning final over with 2 wkts for 2 runs in the final over.

A thrilling encounter for the spectators with everyone on their feet in the final over as two wickets fell, a tense one for the players and a great advert for the SNCL.

Tim Duffy - July 18th 2014

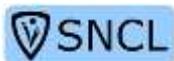


### **U9 Gt.Melton v Topcroft**

Topcroft visited Gt Melton on a glorious evening for cricket. Topcroft batted first with Archie Waters (8) and Ollie Waters (2) batting well first pair. Two wickets fell in the second pair before the third pair steadied the innings without losing a wicket. Sam Emms then came in with Ruby last pair with Sam batting excellently for 15 runs. Ben bowled a great spell of fast bowling for the home side of 3 overs for 5 runs. Topcroft finished 158/3, net 143.

In reply Gt Melton struggled to score against Topcroft's accurate attack. Max scored a boundary and finished on 5 not out. Topcroft took 5 wickets including one run out. All the bowlers bowled well with 8 year old Will Sparrow 3 overs 1 wicket for 3 runs and 7 year old Lewis Reeder 3 overs 3 wickets for 2 runs the pick. Melton finished on 130/5, net 105, leaving Topcroft victors by 38 runs.

David Reeder - July 15th 2014



### **U15 Mulbarton v Mundford**

Mulbarton captain Sam Morton won the toss and elected to bat first. The two opening batsmen were dispatched in the 4th and 5th overs with Sam Paterson (13) bowled by Ben Hayden and Matt Samson (11) bowled Luke Aspen. Tom Osborn (44 no) and Alfred Kidner (45 no) then had a lovely partnership of 117 to bring Mulbarton safely home, closing on 158 for 2.

The opposition were heard to comment "we won't be batting for long" when they saw the pace of Sam Paterson! There followed some lovely tight bowling from all the bowlers with a wicket maiden for Sam Morton, wickets for

Sam Paterson, Matt Samson and the best figures of 1-4 for Sam Bartholomew. J Pearse put up a great effort for Mundford scoring 22, until Sam Paterson took an excellent catch off Sam Morton. Mundford finished on 68 for 4, giving Mulbarton full points in this match played in good spirits.

Anne Osborn - July 15th 2014



### **U11 Mulbarton v Rocklands**

Mulbarton captain Cameron Amis won the toss and asked Rocklands to bat first. Dayyan Mirza made a superb start taking the wicket of Rocklands captain Andrew Thresh in the first over. He was backed up by some good bowling from Sam Johns, Rachael Phillips and Matthew Burton. J Atkin and L Webster batted very solidly, the latter falling to the last ball of the innings to an excellent caught & bowled from Rachael. Rocklands made 102 for 2.

Mulbarton were relying on good performances from their top order batsmen. Unfortunately they came up against some excellent Rocklands bowling. T Woods removed both Cameron Amis and Sam Johns in successive balls – all in the first over! Dayyan Mirza looked to be going well when he failed to make it back for a second run and was run out. Matthew Burton also went cheaply – 8 for 4 off 4 overs! The target for the remaining batsmen was survival and to bat out the 16 overs. Joe Holden joined Rachael and together they put on a remarkable 45 runs for the 5th wicket. Rachael was finally out for 24. Mulbarton finished on 60 for 6.

Martin Phillips - July 14th 2014



### **U13 Thetford v Gt.Melton**

Thetford won the toss and put Melton into bat and didn't waste any time in removing Kyle Weston (0) on the fourth ball of the match by J.Boulch. In came Pat Walton (50 retired) and for the next 14 overs he put on a partnership of 120 with Thomas Moye (37 not out). Pat reached his first 50 with 2 overs to go. Luke Richards (5) went out and tried to get some quick runs, but got caught by J.Boulch off E.Haynes' bowling. Great Melton finished on 129-2 which included 37 extras.

Great Melton matched Thetford's good start by bowling out the opener on the first ball L.Haynes (0) by Finlay Hughes. Melton's bowling was very tight and Thetford only put on 8 runs in the next 4 overs before Luke Richards got the wicket of E.Haynes (2). Another 16 runs were added to the score before Luke bowled his final over and got a hat-trick maiden getting the wickets of A.Stannard (11), T.Bennett (0) & J.Bradley (0). Only 5 more runs were added before Thomas Moye got the wicket of J.Boulch (8) who was caught by Lewis Thurston. The final wicket was A.White (0) who was bowled by Kyle Weston on the first ball of the 12 over which meant Thetford finished on 32-7.

Pick of the bowlers were Luke Richards 3-1-6-4, Finlay Hughes 2-1-2-1, Max Beckett 2-0-4-0, Kyle Weston 1.1-0-1-1 & Thomas Moye 1-0-4-1.

Martyn Moye - July 14th 2014



### **U11 Cringleford Lodge v Gt.Melton**

Great Melton U11s – defeated only once this season in the final of the Gresham's Tournament – involved a few more of their large squad against Cringleford on Sunday. The home side, batting first, were 4-3 after 3 overs as Cameron Graveling and James Bridges (twice) clean bowled 3 of the first 4 batsmen. Skipper Cameron Verney stuck around well, however, and found good support from the lower order as Cringleford managed to survive the full 16 overs. Mainly due to Verney's 25 that included a six, Cringleford totalled 57-6 with Bridges (3-0-11-2), Graveling (3-1-3-1), Josh Wright (3-2-13-2) and Kit Fordham (2-0-3-1) taking the wickets.

Cringleford, helped by good fielding, also enjoyed some good fortune when both Olly Leinster (11) and Fordham (0) were both run out going for ill-judged runs but Wright batted sensibly making an unbeaten 14. Olly Black offered solid support at the end without getting off the mark and Melton's cause was helped by 32 wides and no balls as they won with 3.2 overs and 5 wickets to spare To keep their place at the top of the South Norfolk Community League table. Jennings (2-0-6-0) and Evans (2-1-7-0) were the best of the Cringleford bowlers.

Steve Phoenix - July 14th 2014



### **U13 Gt.Ellingham v Mulbarton**

Dan Philips showed everyone how to bat in a controlled stylish manner and put Mulbarton in a competitive position with an innings of 48 only being run out going for extra runs at the end of the game. Will Wright supported him well before being lackadaisically run out; grounding his bat would have helped enormously! Mulbarton finished on 105 for 2 including 31 extras.

Joe Stace bowled early on and was justly rewarded with 2 wickets and one run out off his bowling. The other notable bowling performance was Ben Thorpe who bowled 2 wickets off his 3 overs for the loss of just 2 runs. There was all round competent fielding with Harrison Spelman, top scorer for Gt Ellingham, being run out for 12 by Lucy Morton following up her own bowling. Great Ellingham were 6 wickets down by the 9th over but the final wicket eluded and Great Ellingham finished on 53 of which 15 were extras.

Nick Morton - July 5th 2014



### **U17 Old Buckenham v Mulbarton**

OB won the toss and elected to bat. The Mulbarton bowling was generally good restricting OB to 110 for 3 off 16 overs with the Stammers brothers scoring 49 not out (including two 6s) and 23 (caught by David Mathews off Callum Arthurs). Schneider added a useful 18 before being caught behind by Luke Mathews off Sam Morton. The only other wicket was Meredith caught by Matt Samson off Matt Cott for 3.

This meant that a realistic target was set making it essential to get off to a good start. The opening pair of Matt Samson and Luke Mathews seemed set up until Luke was caught trying to hit one over long mid off departing the crease for 5 in the 4th over. Callum Arthurs came in and with Matt took the score to 103 with Callum scoring 26 not out and Matt run out on 67 attempting to get the final vital runs. In the final over Alex Pocklington came and went for 0 whilst David Mathews was only able to add 1 leaving the team 7 short and rueing chances missed.

A close game which is as it should be at this level in the Community League.

Nick Morton - July 3rd 2014



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

Tas Valley openers Tom Worley 69 not out and Sam Woodruff 28 not out saw Tas Valley to 121 without loss after their 16 overs. B Thorpe with 0 for 18 and Lucy Morton 0 for 19 provided the best of the Mulbarton bowling.

When Mulbarton batted, while there were promising starts for N Howell, B Thorpe and J Broad, three run outs albeit all direct hits, did not help the Mulbarton cause. It was therefore left to J Stace with 23 made with some fine leg side shots including a massive 6, and some nice touches from Lucy Morton who was left stranded on 4 not out, to take the Mulbarton score to 70 all out. Ben Davies with 1 for 6, Joe Rowlinson 1 for 11 and Tom Worley 2 for 13 were the Tas Valley wicket takers.

Rennie Broughton - June 27th 2014



### **U11 Gt.Ellingham v Hethersett & Tas Valley**

Tas U11s visited Great Ellingham this morning for an SNCL match played in the spirit of cricket by both sides.

Two great batting performances from captain Jack Gibson (56 n.o.) and Ben Way (31 n.o.) gave Tas a commanding start of 124-0. A feature of their innings was swift running and great communication, putting the fielders under pressure with quick 1's and 2's but there were also 10 stylish boundaries.

Great Ellingham, fielding a young side, started their innings steadily but slowly against accurate opening bowling by Hal Worley and Senuja Jayakody. The breakthrough for Tas came in only the 3rd over with great quick fielding from Hal Worley and WK Ben Harvey. It was always going to be a tight run for the batsmen, but with Hal's quick throw and then a great gather, the WK whipped off the bails for Tas' first wicket.

The 2nd and 3rd wickets followed 2 overs later, both batsmen bowled by late stand-in Will Worley. At the end of the 5th over the score stood at 21-3. Matthew Hurst took a couple of balls to get into his stride but then delivered a tricky ball, bowling the batsman to take the score to 30-4. A tight over from James Phillips produced another wicket, as the batsman edged the ball to WK Ben who took a fantastic diving catch to make it 32-5. Matthew came on again to bowl in the 8th over and on his 2nd ball the batsman clipped a shot down to James Phillips who took no time intercepting and returning the ball to WK Ben to complete another run out making it 32-6. The final wicket fell the very next delivery, the batsman clean bowled by Matthew. Gt Ellingham finished on 32 all out.

In summary it was a great all-round display of good cricket from Tas who showed great team spirit and promise. Highlights - 56 n.o. by Jack, 31 n.o. by Ben Way, bowling figures of 0-2 from Will, 9-2 by Matthew and 2-1 for James. Champagne Moment - diving catch by Ben Harvey at WK for the 5th wicket. Score: Tas U11 124-0, Gt Ellingham 32 all out.

Many thanks to Gt Ellingham for their hospitality.

Sara Cheatele - 23rd June 2014



### **U11 Mulbarton v Garboldisham**

Garboldisham captain David Thorne won the toss and elected to bat first on what looked an excellent track. The Garboldisham openers looked to be going well until Elliot Hart was out lbw to Arjuna Puvanachandra. David Thorne was then superbly bowled by Matthew Burton. Jess Davey was then unfortunate when a ball from Freddie Paterson hit her foot and then ricocheted onto the stumps. There was also a smart run out as well. Only opener Will Cunningham was able to hit some runs, finishing on 17 not out. The Mulbarton bowlers returned some remarkable figures, the best was from Freddie Paterson who bowled 3 overs, 2 of which were maiden overs, taking 1 wicket for only 2 runs. Rachael Phillips bowled 2 overs, both maidens. Garboldisham finished on 36 for 4 off their 16 overs.

Dayyan Mirza and Cameron Amis opened the Mulbarton innings. Cameron was unfortunately run out and Freddie Paterson fell lbw. Dayyan and Arjuna Puvanachandra then took Mulbarton calmly on to win the match. Mulbarton 37 for 2.

Mulbarton won by 5 wickets.

Martin Phillips - June 22nd 2014



### **U15 Mulbarton v Hardingham**

Mulbarton welcomed Hardingham to Orchard Park for their first match in the U15 League this season. The match went ahead in very cold, dark conditions and through several rain showers, but in good spirit!

Sam Morton (captain) won the toss and elected to bat first. Tom Osborn (51) and Matt Samson (55) had an excellent opening partnership of 107 and Mulbarton finished on 144 with Callum Arthurs (7), Sam Bartholomew (7no) and Sam Morton (1).

Hardingham made a good attack on the target and at the half way mark the scores were level. There then came some good line and length bowling from Sam Bartholomew, who took the key wicket of Scott (44), some great fielding from Matt Samson and Sam Bartholomew and two catches behind the stumps by Tom Osborn. Hardingham finished on 123 for 3.

Mulbarton won by 21 runs. Excellent cricket.

Anne Osborn - June 17th 2014



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

On a dry but decidedly chilly morning, Mulbarton put Tas in to bat. Tas captain and opener Jack Gibson was in fine form hitting 5 boundaries in his 44 not out. Mulbarton were also unable to remove the other opener H Worsley who scored 11 not out. Freddie Paterson and Dayyan Mirza bowled well and were unlucky not to take wickets. The female trio of Ruby Broad, Olivia Dean and Rachael Phillips all put in good performances. Tas Valley made a competitive 90 runs for 0 in their 16 overs.

Dayyan Mirza and Arjuna Puvanachandra opened the Mulbarton innings. They batted sensibly but were pinned down by some excellent Tas bowling. Dayyan was bowled by some excellent leg spin. Freddie Paterson joined Arjuna. Both batted very well, largely untroubled, hitting some lovely shots. With 4 overs to go it looked like they had paced the innings perfectly and the home crowd were getting excited, but it was not to be. Mulbarton finished 8 runs short on 82 for 1.

Martin Phillips - June 16th 2014



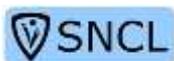
### **U11 Gt.Ellingham v Cringleford Lodge**

Losing the toss, Ellingham were asked to bat first. After a slow start, Ellingham opening batsman Jed Bilverstone started to pick up the run rate finishing on 31no. After losing Matthew Jewson for 6, no 3 Aaron Draper held up the other end for a score of 12no. Ellingham finishing on 100-1.

In reply, Cringleford Lodge's opening bat, Cameron Verney, started quickly taking two boundaries from the first over, reaching 27 before losing his wicket. However the run rate started to slow with Amber Thompson taking 3-7. Cringleford finishing on 77-3.

A very enjoyable morning, with evenly matched teams, ending in a well deserved first win for Ellingham.

Craig Draper - June 15th 2014

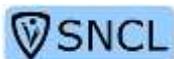


### **U11 Gt.Melton v Topcroft**

A superb opening partnership of 92 in just 7.4 overs between Saxon Earley and Charlie Green was the highlight of Great Melton U11s win over Topcroft. Showing excellent judgement and awareness and combining powerful hitting with some brilliant running between the wickets it was, according to coach Steve Phoenix, the best batting he had seen from a Melton team in an U11 match. Green was eventually dismissed, caught and bowled by Waters, for 23 but, by then, Earley had already reached his second half-century for Melton and retired at the end of the same over, having scored an excellent 56. Josh Wright and Ollie Black then tried hard to maintain the momentum, both scoring 16 and pushing Melton's total to 152. They then also retired leaving Mark Attfield and Cameron Graveling to face the last over. Melton totalled 157 from their 16 overs a magnificent effort against a Topcroft side that actually bowled quite well.

It was obviously a day - and a wicket - for the batsmen as the visitors made a decent job of chasing Melton's large total. After Green had trapped Waters lbw in the 2nd over, 2nd wicket pair James Webster and Ben Emms put bat to ball with good effect. Webster scored 38 and Emms 32 in a partnership of 71 which, after 9 overs, had Melton a little worried but the introduction of leg-spinner Kit Fordham proved the masterstroke. Fordham removed both batsmen as well as Sam Colman to leave Topcroft on 105-4 with two overs left. His spell of 3-0-20-3 secured victory for Melton as Topcroft finished on 102-6, Mark Attfield (2-0-13-1) and Green (3-0-14-2) getting two more wickets. Ollie Black (2-0-9-0) and James Bridges (2-0-12-0) also bowled quite well and James took a good catch.

Steve Phoenix - June 15th 2014



### **U17 Rocklands v Swaffham**

On a fine summer's evening Swaffham won the toss and elected to bat. Puckey and Powell enjoyed a fine opening partnership of 55 before a fine catch by Noonan saw Powell depart. The remainder of the innings was dominated by Puckey who reached his maiden 50 and then accelerated in a bid to reach his ton, falling just short on the last ball of the innings when he was out for 85.

In reply Rocklands made a steady start, but accelerated as the innings progressed. With 32 needed off the last 3 overs and 18 off the last, the result came down to the last ball of the game when a six was required. It was not forthcoming and Swaffham took the honours. Overall a fine match played in a great spirit on a lovely evening. Well played all!

MT - June 15th 2014



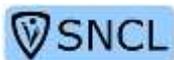
### **U15 Cringleford Lodge v Hethersett & Tas Valley**

Cringleford welcomed Hethersett & Tas Valley for a chance to post their first win. Cringleford batted first and the scoreboard ticked over at a tidy rate to post a total of 141 with the pick of the batting from Oli Jones who scored 59 in selfless pursuit of runs for his team and was caught with 7 balls to go... all watched over to the delight of his Grandparents who had recently purchased the very bat.

Tas Valley returned to the crease after some refreshments and initially the run-rate looked a little short but a combination of some powerful batting and loose bowling brought them back into the match for a grandstand nailbiter with some tighter bowling in the final over. Pick of the Tas batsmen was T Henderson with 65 out and J Cooper 49 not-out.

A great spectacle for all the spectators.

Rob Duffy - June 15th 2014



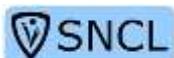
### **U13 Garboldisham v Gt.Melton Girls**

Great Melton Girls elected to bowl on a good looking wicket. An early wicket for Aimee Palmer settled early nerves for Melton and the girls settled into the task of restricting the batters notwithstanding a fine 52 not out from Toby Culling. They bowled very well backed up by some excellent fielding by Cassie Mawby. Melton girls were pleased to keep the score to 104 for 2 with a good catch behind by Becky Greenslade off Holly Marchant. All the girls bowled well with Kirsty Soanes and Megan Ellse having a 1st bowl in league cricket.

Amiee Palmer and Beth Harmer then set about chasing down the total with a growing confidence with Amiee despatching a no ball for 6 into the potato field. The pair ran well and looked to have the game in the bag before Palmer was dismissed by A Russell for a well crafted 47. That left Beth Harmer to guide the team home with an assured 34 not out leaving Emily Grisewood to hit the winning run with an over to spare.

An excellent game played on an excellent wicket by 2 sporting competitive teams.

Chris Brook - June 10th 2014



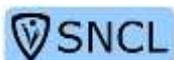
### **U15 Gt.Ellingham v Gt.Melton**

After wins for both of this sides in their opening fixtures of this competition, this was set to be an entertaining game with both teams batting to reach three figures, but this game was far more about bowling, with a total of only 81 runs scored but 10 wickets taken.

Ellingham who beat Old Buckenham by 5 runs in their last game, won the toss and elected to bat first. Opening bowler Marcus Mawby looked dangerous although he took no wickets in his opening 2 overs. Meanwhile Alex Rennie took the first wicket after he caught and bowled Harvey Lake for 3. Mawby was replaced by Ben Carding, who took two key wickets; bowling captain Robbie Evernet for 3 and then bowling Ben Harding for a duck. Henry Lynch also took two wickets after bowling Harrison Spedman for 1 and caught and bowled Chris Feston for a duck. Joseph Munday offered some resistance for Ellingham before he was bowled by Rob Smith for 9. The final pair Daly 0 (not out) and Trett 1 (Bowled A.Rennie) failed to add to Ellingham's below par score of 40 all out, which was helped by some generous fielding by Melton, adding 23 extras.

With Melton only needing 41 runs to win and after hitting 159 against Thetford in the previous game, Melton must have been very confident about getting the runs they needed without losing a wicket, to score maximum points. Ben Carding and Alex Rennie opened the batting and were playing well before Alex Rennie was run out for 5, next in Rob Smith, failed to add to the run chase and was bowled by Robbie Evernet for a duck. Next in was Craig Attewell who added 3 more before he was ran out, luckily for Melton at the other end, Ben Carding stayed in and scored 24 not out, to give Melton victory. Melton won by 4 wickets.

Thomas Ling - June 3rd 2014



### **U15 Cringleford Lodge v Rocklands**

Cringleford welcomed Rocklands in their second SNCL fixture and the sun shone brightly to the relief of the contingent of following supporters. The visitors won the toss and chose to bat and were able to weather the bowling attack to amass a total of 96 including 30 extras.

After the break Cringleford returned to the crease but suffered from too much circumspection early on and only seemed to experience lift-off in the last six overs by which time it was too late. They finished on 89 for 2. Congratulations and thanks to Rocklands.

Tim Duffy - June 3rd 2014

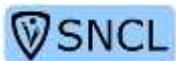


### **U11 Gt.Melton v Mulbarton**

Great Melton U11s victory over Mulbarton made it 2 wins out of 2 but, in an excellent game, the visitors provided stubborn resistance with Rachel Phillips – the only girl playing – scoring an unbeaten 20 as well as taking two excellent catches. Mulbarton won the toss and elected to field first but Saxon Earley, in his first appearance of the season, and Charlie Green gave Melton a good start with a partnership of 40 that featured some excellent running. Green (12), Earley (22) and Cameron Graveling (2) were then out in close succession as Mulbarton reduced Melton to 47-3 before Jack Gorman and Olly Leinster added a further 18 runs. Leinster (5) and Sam Johnson (2) departed relatively cheaply but Gorman scored an very good 18 before he fell to a brilliant one-handed catch by Rachel Phillips leaving Mark Atfield (9 not out) and James Ketteridge (1 not out) push Melton's score to 93-6. Freddie Paterson was comfortably Mulbarton's best bowler with figures of 3-0-8-2 but there were wickets for Mirza, Puvanchadra, Burton and Johns.

A sharp stumping by Earley off Charlie Green removed Mulbarton's Mirza (4) with the score on 5 and when Graveling produced an superb delivery to bowl Paterson (1) the visitors were struggling at 5-2. Puvanchandra (3) was bowled by Johnson and Amis (7) lbw to Atfield to leave Mulbarton 24-4 after 8 overs but a spirited 5th wicket partnership between Phillips and Matt Burton frustrated Melton. Burton looked a little unorthodox but showed an excellent eye for the ball while Phillips played very confidently as the pair featured in a half-century partnership before Burton was bowled by Green with the last ball of the match. Although Mulbarton's score of 72-5 was 21 runs short of Melton's it was a valiant effort and a very good game. Charlie Green was Melton's top bowler with 3-0-8-2 with Graveling (3-0-15-1), Johnson (2-0-5-1) and Atfield (2-0-11-1) the other wicket-takers.

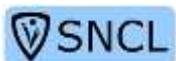
Steve Phoenix - May 26th 2014



### **U11 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Cringleford Lodge**

Tas Valley batted first and made 99 for 1, with the main run scorers being openers Jack Gibson 31 and Ben Way 33 not out, who both produced some excellent stroke play and good running between the wickets. Starting with 3 maidens, the Cringleford Lodge innings never really got going and ended on 42 for 4 to leave Tas Valley winners by 57 runs. Hal Worley with 1 for 2 off 3 overs, Will Worley with 1 for 2 off 2 overs and Theo Woods with 1 for 5 off 2 overs, were the pick of the Tas Valley bowlers.

Rennie Broughton - May 25th 2014



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

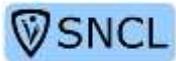
Great Melton girls made a little bit of history when the Robyn Edge and Beth Harmer strode confidently out to bat against Rocklands in the South Norfolk Community League. The Melton girls became the first club all girls side in Norfolk to compete in an 'open' age-group competition. It didn't start well for them as Robyn was bowled by the first ball of the match from Rocklands skipper N.Coates but, from then on, things got decidedly better! Harmer and Aimee Palmer played some excellent shots on both sides of the wicket in a partnership of 40 before Palmer unluckily played on having scored a fluent 23. Harmer was caught and bowled by Andy Thresh for 15 as Melton reached 54-3 in the 8th over. This brought together Rebecca Greenslade and newcomer, Emily Grisewood and they set about blunting the Rocklands attack with solid defence and some good running. Both girls never looked in any great trouble as they steadily pushed the score along to 87 before Greenslade was caught off the last ball of the innings for a valuable 15, leaving Grisewood unbeaten on 11. Thresh (3-0-9-1), D.Eke (2-1-7-1) and J.Barlow (3-0-14-1) were the Rocklands wicket-takers.

After a stirring team talk from manager Hannah Brook, the girls knew their bowling had to be good to defend 87 and it was! Beth Harmer conceded just 2 runs in her 3 overs to set the tone and Grisewood was similarly economical in a spell of 3-0-3-1 which brought the wicket of Currie, bowled for 2. It was 11-year-old Holly Marchant (3-0-16-1) who got the vital wicket of dangerman Coates, however, bowling him for 15 just as he looked threatening. Greenslade and Cassie Mawby returned identical figures of 2-0-11-0 as captain Aimee Palmer, with some astute bowling changes and field placings, starved Rocklands of runs. By the time she brought herself on

victory looked assured and her spell of 3-2-10-1 confirmed it. Rocklands finished on 59-3, 28 runs short of the Melton total.

It was a great performance from the girls which should give them plenty of confidence for sterner tests ahead, including a match against Great Melton U13 boys! On this showing the lads had better watch out!

Steve Phoenix - May 23rd 2014

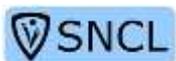


### **U15 Thetford v Gt.Melton**

U15 Champions, Great Melton, got their campaign off to a winning start with a comfortable victory over 7-man Thetford but it was an indifferent performance. The batting was impressive with Joey Greenslade scoring 49 and Alex Rennie 48 not out in a 16-over total of 159-2 but Melton then produced a rather lack-lustre bowling and fielding display. Rob Smith scored 22 in an opening partnership of 64 with Greenslade before Alex Rennie and Craig Attewell (10 not out) put on 69 for the third wicket as Melton set the home side a challenging target.

But Thetford's Caley and Mitchell rose to the challenge with an even better stand of 95 for the second wicket. The pair batted well but were helped by some loose bowling and lethargic fielding. Caley hit 4 sixes and 3 fours and, although the pair never quite threatened the Melton score, neither did they look like being out until Melton's best bowler, Tom Moye, removed both with successive deliveries, first having Mitchell caught by Matt Ling for 33, then seeing Rob Smith snap up Caley for 47. Thetford's innings ended at 104-4 with Moye returning figures of 3-0-10-3. Alex Rennie (3-0-22-1) got the other wicket.

Steve Phoenix - May 20th 2014

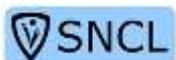


### **U13 Mulbarton v Old Buckenham**

A good natured match on a lovely evening saw Old Buckenham visit Orchard Park. Mulbarton won the toss and put Old Buckenham into bat. Harry Pullen scored a good 22 before being caught off the last ball of the innings. Old Buckenham scored 61 but were given 30 extras by a generous Mulbarton.

However this generosity was reciprocated when it was Mulbarton's turn to bat with 30 extras contributing to their total. Ben Thorpe of Mulbarton scored a powerful 29 not out but this was not enough to rescue Mulbarton who fell 9 runs short at the end.

Nick Morton - May 15th 2014

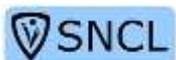


### **U15 Hethersett & Tas Valley v Topcroft**

Tas Valley openers Crispin Clarke and Jonathon Cooper both scored 38 not out in taking Tas Valley to 111 without loss at the end of their overs.

In reply Topcroft were well up with the required run rate, but when Adam Twyman fell for 54, Topcroft lost momentum and some tight bowling at the death by Jonathon Cooper with 2 for 6 off 3 overs and Crispin Clarke 0 for 5 off 3 overs, saw Tas Valley home by 5 runs.

Rennie Broughton - May 14th 2014



### **First round half washed out**

With the weather having had the final say in the first round of the competition, only half of the scheduled fixtures have been completed.

Clubs are reminded that there is no longer an obligation to rearrange these weather affected matches but that the commitment to complete at least 70% of their league programme remains. This responsibility would only be reviewed should our summer weather prove truly dreadful. Let us hope that is not the case.

Should clubs choose to reorganise such rain affected games then, if for whatever reason these are not eventually fulfilled, no penalty would apply.

JH - May 11th 2014



### **U11 Mulbarton v Topcroft**

Topcroft captain James Webster won the toss and decided to field first. Mulbarton captain Cameron Amis hit a lovely square cut for 4 but was then bowled by James Webster. Arjuna Puvanchandra and Freddie Paterson batted beautifully both finishing not out on 11 and 30 respectively. Mulbarton finished on 89 for 1 off their 16 overs.

Dayyan Mirza bowled well - in his second over he took a wicket and his third was the only maiden over of the day. Rachael Phillips took a fine high catch at mid-off. Freddie Paterson then returned to the fray. His first ball was a straight inswinger which bowled James Webster. Meanwhile Ben Waters was batting well and accumulating runs as Topcroft closed in on the Mulbarton score. Enter Arjuna Puvanachandra who bowled out the final 2 batsmen. Topcroft finished on 71 for 7 (all out). Mulbarton won by 18 runs. This was a close match with excellent performances from both teams.

Martin Phillips - May 5th 2014



### **U11 Gt.Ellingham v Gt.Melton**

Great Melton U11s won their first game of the 2014 season by a convincing 83 runs. With an inexperienced squad, things didn't start well when the Melton players arrived at Melton Park only to discover they should have been at Ellingham. A quick dash by car soon got Junior Development Officer, Steve Phoenix, out of an embarrassing predicament and Melton batted first with Charlie Green and Cameron Graveling. After a tentative start, the Melton openers soon got into their stride and began to find the boundary. Helped by some wides and some improved running and calling, the pair confidently moved the score to 84 whereupon they 'retired' in order to give a few others a bit of much-needed time in the middle.

Kit Fordham (3 not out), on his debut, and James Bridges (10 not out) took the score past 100 before also retiring leaving Olly Black #5 not out# and James Ketteridge (5 not out) to add 12 in the final over as Melton reached 115-0.

Ellingham's batsmen then struggled against the Melton bowling and, with Ethan Rushton doing a good job as a stand-in wicketkeeper, wickets started to fall regularly. Bridges & Rushton combined to run out their opener and there were wickets for Fordham (1-6), Sparks (1-8) and Graveling (1-3) while Green led from the front, combing with Rushton for another run out and taking 3-1 off his 2 overs to go with his impressive batting. Rushton's work behind the stumps improved considerably as the game progressed and Callum Sparkes took an excellent catch. Only two home players scored runs - Matt and Aaron with 2 each - all the rest were extras - as Ellingham were bowled out for 31.

Steve Phoenix - May 5th 2014



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

Apart from a spirited 10 runs from Ben Heyder, the Mundford batsmen struggled against the Tas Valley bowling and were all out for 29. Jonathon Cooper with 4 wickets for 1 run including a hat trick, was the main wicket taker and was well supported by Oliver South with 2 for 10.

When Tas Valley batted a series of wides and no balls did not help Mundford as Tas Valley acquired the 30 runs needed for the loss of 1 wicket. Although well beaten praise must go to Mundford for the spirit in which they played the game.

Rennie Broughton - May 2nd 2014



### **Saxlingham U15 League withdrawal**

Richard Pearson of Saxlingham has announced that after the loss of several players from his U15 squad this season he is unable to fulfil the club's youth league programme and has confirmed the team's withdrawal.

Saxlingham have competed in the SNCL since 2010 and have also taken part in all three winter zipleague competitions. Ironically, they achieved their best ever results last year finishing fourth in the U13 summer league and fifth in the indoor competition.

This is precisely the type of small village club that The League's format is designed to encourage and it is a great shame that they are leaving the competition before a ball is bowled. We wish them good luck and hope that they will be able to return in the future.

April 29th 2014

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