

Under 15s get off to Roaring start in Real Nailbiter!



The first game of the season saw Darlington open their account with a win that looked almost impossible for large parts of the game. Batsmen Lloyd Horner (35), Matthew Moss (31 ret.) and Tom Horniman (20 n.o.) led the team to a score of 100 for 5, which looked a touch under par on a slow pitch.

In reply, Sedgefield raced to 87 off 14 overs thanks to big hitting from Jack Rutherford (50 ret.) leaving just 14 required from 42 balls. Tight bowling from Ollie Smith, Rishabh Ray and Drew

Charlton left Sedgefield still needing 4 from the last over, where Ollie Smith restricted them to just one run.

A win by just two runs was richly deserved after such tight bowling. Man of the match was captain Lloyd Horner, for his 35 with the bat and bowling figures of 3 for 10 from 4 overs.

Report from Richard Horniman



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Marske "Game Plan" Frustrates Darlington

NYSD Premier League 19.04.14

Darlington 1st XI - 233-6 Marske 1st XI - 154 - 6

Match Drawn (DCC 16 points, Marske 8 points)

Man of the Match - Liam Coates



Liam Coates

The sun shone on the newly developed Feethams Ground for the opening fixture of 2014 as newly promoted Marske CC came to town.

The seashiders won the toss and inserted Darlington. The Quakers were without both openers, Rajin Saleh and Ben Wicling and sent out Dan Hodgson and Dan Morgans to begin our 2014 title challenge.

It was great to see "Hodgey" back on his home ground and the Yorkshire CCC cricketer showed signs of his quality with some excellent drives before falling to Josh Carroll for 22. Morgans started steadily and drove well down the ground before falling for 34 to Chris . Matty Brown, last year's player of the year



A trademark cover drive from Dan Hodgson on his return to Feethams

twinged a hip muscle before falling for 1 to give Nicholl his third wicket.

Liam Coates then gave one of his best ever displays of stroke play. His shot selection was masterful and his timing and power were a joy to watch. Looking a class above, Coates made 65 from 61 balls including a cut six and eight fours. Nicholl claimed Coates wicket to the dismay of the Feethams crowd who had revelled in Coates classly innings.

James Dobson had reached 20 when he fell LBW to Jonathan Pickard playing a risky re-

verse sweep to a ball that was possibly too full in length.

Doug Mulholland and Jonathan Barnes then used their experience to increase the scoring rate. The pair picked off the Marske bowlers with ease until Barnes fell to Pickard for 30. Mulholland was unbeaten on 41 at tea. 233 - 6 would be a tough ask for the seashiders to chase.

It soon became obvious after the break that Marske had a game plan to simply survive and hold out for a draw. The placid wicket gave very little to the bowlers despite their very best efforts. Coates opened with pace but it was his opening partner Barnes who got the initial break throughs taking the wickets of openers Gratton and Lynch for 15 and 20 respectively. Chris Lince battled at the crease for the visitors taking 102 ball in his innings of 55 before he fell to Mulholland. Barnes too a third wicket to remove Bennet and Coates came back well to grab a brace of wickets sending Devine and Jordan Carroll back to the pavilion.

VFTB Quiz 1.

1. Who has been elected as the new England Cricket Coach?
2. Which three counties did Ian Botham play for?
3. Who was the first batsman to score 10,000 runs in Test cricket?
4. Which county did Jack Hobbs play for?
5. Who won the county championships in every season from 1951 to 1958?
6. Which England captain was the first Test outfielder to take 100 catches?
7. Which two counties did Dickie Bird play for?
8. In which country do Sheffield Shield games take place?
9. Which Dominic took a Test hat-trick in 1995?
10. Which cricket commentator on radio was known as 'Johnners'?

Answers can be found on page 2

Watch your P's and Q's !

The NYSD Premier League management committee and Umpires are clamping down on players using bad language and abusing other players and especially umpires.

Yellow cards are being used much more this season and a no tolerance attitude to swearing and intimidation is now on the cards.

Offenders can expect hefty fines and lengthy bans!

The league will also be clamping down heavily on clubs who do not enforce the colours on kit and uniform team kit policy previously on trial for two seasons.

So make sure you are correctly kitted out. Only wear Darlington Club clothing and not school, county or league team clothing.



Sadly, the breakthrough never came. Even the guile of skipper Armstrong failed to remove the stubborn Marske batsmen who held out for a draw ending on 154 for 6.

The general consensus of opinion on the ground developments were good from the majority of spectators, although those sitting on the Skerne side of the ground had to sneak 30 yards onto the pitch to see the scoreboard. (perhaps a smaller electronic scoreboard by the groundsmans shed would be the answer?) Also some older spectators found it difficult to climb over the railings at the ton end of the ground. A section of the railings will be removed to allow access around the boundary very soon.

Ex Darlington cricketer and serving Royal Engineer, Matty Shaw arrived to watch the match having served three tours in Afghanistan. He last played for us in the early 90s before he joined the army as a 16 year old. Matty is now based in Ripon and brought his lovely wife Jacqueline and five children to see where he learned the game. He hopes to bring his son Jack (8) to junior coaching on a Sunday morning which starts next Sunday. Matty is also hoping to make himself available for Darlington once more. It was great to catch up with a good pal. (TD)



The Shaw Clan arrive at Feethams.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Peter Moores
2. Somerset, Worcestershire and Durham
3. Sunil Gavaskar
4. Surrey
5. Surrey
6. Ted Dexter
7. Yorkshire and Leicestershire
8. Australia
9. Cork
10. Brian Johnson



Marske CC 2nd XI vs Darlington CC 2nd XI

NYSD League Division 2

19.04.14

Result—Winning Draw for Darlington (DCC 15 points)

The second team made the trip to Windy Hill Lane on Saturday afternoon for their opening game of the season against Marske.

Darlington lost the toss and were invited to bat first by their opponents, but The Visitors' opening batting pair of Dan Lee and the captain, James Sutton, made mincemeat of the Marske bowling attack. The partnership reached 140 runs from 30 overs before the first wicket fell. Lee was the man to depart following a swashbuckling innings of 73 runs from 86 deliveries. Sutton was dismissed for 55 shortly afterwards by a stupendous catch at mid-wicket, and a collapse followed.

Keith Barker was able to keep his head, however, as wickets fell around him. He made a stylish 29 runs, but was unaided by his team-mates as Marske were able to capitalise on some loose strokes from The Quakers.

The men from Feethams were eventually bowled out in the final over of the innings for 215.

In reply, Marske made a reasonable start, with Richard Mains bludgeoning the ball down the ground on a couple of occasions. He went on to make 55 runs, including 9 fours, but eventually fell victim to a sharp caught and bowled chance by Dan Baldwin.

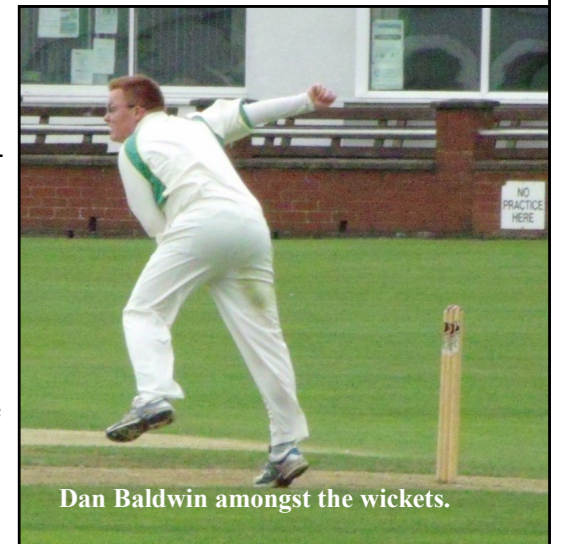
The Seaside's batsmen struggled to cope with the Darlington bowlers at times, and two wickets in one over from Callum Lethbridge swung the momentum in Darlington's favour.

Wickets fell in regular succession following that, and now the Home team's batsmen were fighting for survival. Baldwin contained the opposition batsmen with some success, taking 3 wickets for 38 runs in his 17 over spell.

A spectacular catch from Andrew Sturgeon off the bowling of Ollie King left Marske 8 wickets down, as Darlington went for the victory. 2 wickets were required from the final over, bowled by Lee Craggs.

A wicket was taken with another catch behind the wicket, but a boundary with the last ball of the game took Marske past the 75% mark to gain two extra draw points, and Darlington were agonisingly denied an opening day victory.

Report By James Sutton



Great Ayton 3rds v Darlington 3rds

NYSD Sunday Division 1

20.04.14

DCC Lost by 10 wickets (1 point)

The third team only had three adults in their side that travelled to face a strong Great Ayton third team on Sunday.. Having lost the toss, they found themselves batting first. And were soon in trouble losing three early wickets.

Nigel Fenwick steadied the ship with an innings of 29 but all to no avail as we were bowled out for just 100. New boys, Jonny Pears and Reeshabh Ray showed promise with the bat both batting well for 10 and 14 respectively.

In reply the game was soon over as both Ayton openers made 40 plus scores to win by 10 wickets.