

# Duo struggling at the wrong end

A DAUNTING season appears to face the two Teesside clubs who are finding life tough in the early Dukes NEPL skirmishes.

Struggling at the foot of the table after only two games, Stockton and Norton must wonder when they will enjoy a change of fortune after facing championship aspiring opposition in the opening two weeks of the new campaign.

Beaten by Blaydon on the first weekend, Stockton, despite a better batting display, couldn't prevent Sunderland grabbing their first win with Rameez Shahzad (69) and Ashley Thorpe (63) giving a brilliant display of strokeplay as they chased down 196 despite losing three wickets relatively cheaply.

Stockton got off to a flying start in their innings when Jonathon Rickard (61) and Karl Turner (41) had the sun on their backs but Shahzad, the Wearsiders' professional, grabbed three wickets to turn the game.

## Dukes ECB North-East Regional Premier League

By Chris West

Norton fared even worse battling wise, bowled out for just 116 by South Shields who made an impressive 256-7. Last week the Teesside batsmen were skittled by champions, South Northumberland for 94. Shields had the brilliant Paul Muchall to thank for an outstanding all-round display with a century and three wickets, with the other Muchall, Matty (3-38), joining him in providing a hostile opening attack as Norton floundered. Only Matthew Brown, with a half century, was comfortable.

Durham Academy, normally such formidable opponents, wilted under the power of South North, who beat them by six wickets. The champions and newly restored leaders bowled out the Academy for 148 with four wickets for Craig Smith and three for



**CONCENTRATION:** Bishop Auckland's Dan Conway bowls to Marske's Col Nasslett

Picture: CHRIS BOOTH

Richard Brook. Rammi Singh hit a useful half century and with Liam Coates (30) shared a stand of 80, but there was little to follow to trouble the home bowlers.

Blaydon took over the second league placing after another splendid win, beating Newcastle by 64 runs with Durham County batsman, Mark Stoneman making an

opening 64. Then the wicket taking trio of Jon Malkin (3-14), Gary Stewart (3-17) and Martin Pollard (3-39) rolled Newcastle over for 79.

The two other games, at

Gateshead Fell and Chester-le-Street, finished as draws although Benwell Hill had to rely on their final two batsmen to play out time against the Cestrians. Richard Waite continued his fine form of the opening week when he made 80 by getting the top score again - this time it was 82 - before Quinten Hughes (3-10) almost won them the match. Chester had to be satisfied with a 15-point haul in the draw.

At Gateshead, the Fell were largely on the back foot throughout, with Tynemouth reaching 214-7 thanks to 86 from opener, Scott Borthwick and an unbeaten 45 from Andrew Smith. Will Gidman (56 not out) responded well in the Fell's reply but on 186-6 at the close they were still 28 runs behind. John Foster (55) and Richard Smith (46) had earlier led a Gateshead recovery after they lost both their opening batsmen cheaply. David Hymers, who removed them both, finished with 3 for 21.

## DUKES ECB NORTH-EAST REGIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

### Norton v South Shields SOUTH SHIELDS

D Shurben b Kean.....	4
P Muchall b Fawcett.....	111
A Coyte c unknown b Gresham.....	32
M Dunn b Kean.....	30
C Dorothy c Linton b Kean.....	4
C Rainbow c unknown b Kean.....	14
L Whalley c Linton b Kean.....	0
M Muchall not out.....	11
N Quinn not out.....	14
Extras.....	36
Total (7 wkts).....	256
Bowling: J Kean 5-77, A Fawcett 1-33, B Duncan 1-46, D Kennedy 0-17, K Gresham 0-34, M Thomas 0-30	

### NORTON

M Thomas c P Muchall b M Muchall.....	0
J Kennedy c Rainbow b P Muchall.....	7
D Kennedy c Quinn b M Muchall.....	2
M Brown c Whalley b McShane.....	51
K Gresham b M Muchall.....	5
D Williams c and b Whalley.....	12
H Linton c Rainbow b McShane.....	19
J Kean c Dorothy b McShane.....	0
A Tompkinson b P Muchall.....	13
B Duncan not out.....	1
A Fawcett b P Muchall.....	0
Extras.....	6
Total (all out).....	116
Bowling: M Muchall 3-28, P Muchall 3-31, A Coyte 0-21, K McShane 3-30, L Whalley 1-4	

### South Shields won by 140 runs Norton 3pts. South Shields 30pts.

### Blaydon v Newcastle BLAYDON

M Stoneman lbw Austin.....	64
A Worthy c and b McLaren.....	11
S Gayle lbw Irvine-Fortescue.....	12
Geoff Stewart b McLaren.....	0

### GD Bridge lbw Irvine-Fortescue..... 2

PW Howells c Shaw b McLaren.....	21
P Freary lbw Austin.....	1
J Malkin c Austin b McLaren.....	9
J Reynolds lbw Austin.....	7
ML Pollard not out.....	0
Gary Stewart c Irvine-Fortescue b Austin.....	4
Extras.....	12
Total (all out).....	143
Bowling: R McLaren 4-34, R Evans 0-34, J Irvine-Fortescue 2-43, J Austin 4-25	

### NEWCASTLE

R Evans lbw Pollard.....	10
J Irvine-Fortescue lbw Gary Stewart.....	2
J Carr c and b Gary Stewart.....	2
J Davidson c Howells b Gary Stewart.....	0
J Shaw b Pollard.....	4
J Austin b Malkin.....	23
N Tomlinson b Pollard.....	15
R McLaren c Geoff Stewart b Bridge.....	2
A Robson c Bridge b Malkin.....	0
M Cooper c Worthy b Malkin.....	14
N Harrison not out.....	0
Extras.....	7
Total (all out).....	79
Bowling: ML Pollard 3-39, Gary Stewart 3-17, J Malkin 3-14, GD Bridge 1-5	

### Blaydon won by 64 runs

### Blaydon 21pts. Newcastle 5pts

### Gateshead Fell v Tynemouth TYNEMOUTH

S Borthwick c J Etherington b Nicholls.....	86
I Purdy c J Devenport b Dicks.....	20
G Hollins c and b M Dicks.....	0
B Debnam lbw Dicks.....	19
A Turner c Foster b Dicks.....	14
J Sander c Foster b Towner.....	13
A Smith not out.....	45
T Davis-Taylor c Devenport b Nicholls.....	12
C Beever not out.....	9

### Extras..... 16

Total (7 wkts).....214

Bowling: G Etherington 0-16, J Nicolls 2-57, P Towner 1-42, W Gidman 0-29, M Dicks 4-54

### GATESHEAD FELL

J Devenport c Debnam b Hymers.....	3
P Towner c Smith b Hymers.....	2
J Foster lbw Borthwick.....	55
R Smith c Debnam b Smith.....	46
W Gidman not out.....	56
R Steele c Coates b Hymers.....	6
M Cairns run out.....	1
S Devenport not out.....	5
Extras.....	12
Total (6 wkts).....	186
Bowling: T Davis-Taylor 0-38, D Hymers 3-21, A Smith 1-21, S Borthwick 1-79, J Coates 0-17	

### Match drawn

### Tynemouth 13 pts. Gateshead Fell 9 pts

### Sunderland v Stockton STOCKTON

J Rickard c I Stephenson b I Shah.....	61
K Turner st C Youldon b R Shahzad.....	41
MD Gajanayake st C Youldon b J Singh.....	3
J Watson c C Youldon b S Walker.....	28
CE Parr run out Shah.....	0
DJ Hooker lbw R Shahzad.....	20
KL Ward c C Rushworth b R Shahzad.....	6
H Anderson c C Youldon b C Rushworth.....	16
TD Armstrong c C Rushworth b S Walker.....	1
AJ Parr not out.....	7
W Reeve b C Rushworth.....	0
Extras.....	10
Total (all out).....	193
Bowling: P Hindmarch 0-25, C Rushworth 2-22, J Singh 1-38, I Stephenson 0-20, R Shahzad 3-33, I Shah 1-31, S Walker 2-20	

### SUNDERLAND

M Robson c H Anderson b CJ Hooker.....	0
G Applegarth c J Watson b AJ Parr.....	8

### S Walker lbw K Turner..... 18

AM Thorpe c CE Parr b K Turner.....	63
R Shahzad b K Ward.....	69
C Youldon not out.....	13
C Rushworth not out.....	7
Extras.....	18
Total (5 wkts).....	196
Bowling: CJ Hooker 1-31, AJ Parr 1-17, K Turner 2-47, TD Armstrong 0-17, MD Gajanayake 0-46, J Rickard 0-11, K Ward 1-15	

### Sunderland won by five wickets

### Sunderland 25pts. Stockton 4pts

### South Northumberland v Durham CA DURHAM CA

B Raine c Corby b Humble.....	0
R Singh c Cragg b Brook.....	50
B Stokes c Corby b Humble.....	6
L Coates c Hewison b Brook.....	30
M Sampson-Barnes b Smith.....	28
R Pringle c Corby b Brook.....	0
G Clark not out.....	24
R Kirtley lbw Smith.....	2
C Pearce c Corby b Smith.....	0
J Killeen c Hewison b Smith.....	0
C Harding st Corby b Crozier.....	0
Extras.....	8
Total (all out).....	148
Bowling: S Humble 2-19, C Smith 4-21, B Ford 0-31, L Crozier 1-44, R Brook 3-26	

### SOUTH NORTHUMBURLAND

A Heather b Killeen.....	1
J Graham not out.....	42
A Cragg b Killeen.....	6
C Hewison b Harding.....	0
B Ford c Pearce b Stokes.....	22
J Miller not out.....	65
Extras.....	15
Total (4 wkts).....	151
Bowling: C Harding 1-46, J Killeen 2-17, R Kirtley 0-	

### 25, B Stokes 1-25, M Sampson-Barnes 0-16, L Coates 0-11

### South Northumberland won by six wickets

### South Northumberland 29pts. Durham CA 3pts

### Chester le Street v Benwell Hill CHESTER LE STREET

S Birtwistle lbw Race.....	33
A Mustard lbw Rutherford.....	1
A Smith lbw Race.....	25
R Waite c Rutherford b Jones.....	82
Q Hughes b Cant.....	36
J Coxon run out.....	14
L Simpson st Nicholson b Cant.....	3
A Tye b Jones.....	11
A Bell b Rutherford.....	1
L Evans not out.....	2
Extras.....	25
Total (9 wkts).....	233
Bowling: D Rutherford 2-49, J Kilpatrick 0-27, G Race 2-22, T Cant 2-47, P Jones 2-69	

### BENWELL HILL

P Nicholson lbw Evans.....	17
A Maiden lbw Tye.....	9
R Coughtrie c Coxon b Waite.....	31
M Dale b Simpson.....	11
J Thompson c Coxon b Hughes.....	26
D Rutherford lbw Smith.....	26
M Hynd lbw Hughes.....	0
G Race lbw Hughes.....	0
T Cant lbw Tye.....	3
P Jones not out.....	0
J Kilpatrick not out.....	0
Extras.....	2
Total (9 wkts).....	125
Bowling: L Evans 1-38, A Tye 2-21, L Simpson 1-19, A Bell 0-13, R Waite 1-12, A Smith 1-10, Q Hughes 3-10	

### Match drawn

### Chester le Street 15 pts. Benwell Hill 8 pts

### Percy Main v Sacriston PERCY MAIN

S Knight b M Betts.....	0
M Phillips c and b M Hubber.....	9
M Clarke c H Hubber b M Hubber.....	60
M Agarwal c Potts b G Hubber.....	24
P Merryweather lbw B Hall.....	21
J Lindley run out.....	0
P Rathbone c Potts b H Hubber.....	13
J Butler st Potts b Hall.....	14
C Ainsworth c Claughan b Hall.....	18
M Boyd not out.....	4
Extras.....	11
Total (9 wkts).....	164
Bowling: M Betts 1-24, M Hubber 2-37, G Hubber 1-18, I Jones 0-33, H Hubber 1-27, B Hall 3-19	

### SACRISTON

P Shield b R Walker.....	30
M Fort c and b C Ainsworth.....	10
H Hubber lbw J Butler.....	10
M Betts b M Agarwal.....	30
M Hubber c Lindley b J Butler.....	0
I Jones b J Butler.....	2
T Claughan b J Butler.....	0
P Peel c Merryweather b R Walker.....	13
B Potts not out.....	25
B Hall lbw M Agarwal.....	1
G Hubber c M Agarwal b R Walker.....	15
Extras.....	20
Total (all out).....	147
Bowling: C Ainsworth 1-45, J Butler 4-49, R Walker 2-22, M Agarwal 2-26	

### Percy Main won by 17 runs

### Percy Main 20pts. Sacriston 6pts

### Annfield Plain v Ryton ANNFIELD PLAIN

G Carr c Sutton b Cawthorn.....	0
A Donnelly b Cawthorn.....	52
D Maughan c Sutton b O'Neill.....	23
D Newstead c Reid b Rowell.....	48
S Harrison c Reid b Bailey.....	28

## WELLSTREAM NORTHUMBURLAND AND TYNESIDE SENIOR LEAGUE

### P Donnelly b Rowell..... 22

J Newstead b Cawthorn.....	38
S Khan not out.....	1
K Gohery not out.....	4
Extras.....	31
Total (7 wkts).....	247
Bowling: M Cawthorn 3-62, J O'Neill 1-44, A Wilkin 0-12, P Watson 0-16, D Bailey 1-24, G Rowell 2-41	

### RYTON

D Bailey b Phillips.....	8
I Reid c Phillips b Gohery.....	47
K Morris b Khan.....	12
S Dolby run out.....	29
M Cawthorn c A Donnelly b P Donnelly.....	2
G Rowell lbw Gohery.....	0
A Wilkin b Khan.....	11
P Watson c Carling b Gohery.....	1
D Fordham run out.....	2
A Sutton c A Donnelly b Khan.....	3
J O'Neill not out.....	0
Extras.....	15
Total (all out).....	131
Bowling: A Phillips 1-27, S Khan 3-18, P Donnelly 1-43, K Gohery 3-18	

### Annfield Plain won by 116 runs

### Annfield Plain 20 pts. Ryton 5 pts

### Tynedale v Shotley Bridge TYNEDALE

N Clark b Angus.....	1
G Hunter c Collingwood b Angus.....	21
B Stewart lbw P Brown.....	26
J Barber c Collingwood b Brown.....	1
J Crichton b Graham.....	12
P Scandle c Collingwood b Carlin.....	6
J Alder b Angus.....	33
R Darling c Brown b Graham.....	57
L Pringle b Angus.....	0
A Thompson not out.....	2
M Armstrong not out.....	4

### Extras..... 9

Total (9 wkts).....172

Bowling: S Graham 2-54, G Angus 4-48, P Brown 2-12, A Dhindsa 0-21, P Carlin 1-28

### SHOTLEY BRIDGE

P Brown c Clark b Stewart.....	0
P Collingwood b Stewart.....	11
S Graham c Alder b Barber.....	4
P Carlin c Crichton b Stewart.....	7
A Stokoe b L Pringle.....	30
W Cleaver c Scandle b Pringle.....	25
I Heslop lbw Armstrong.....	16
G Angus not out.....	56
A Dhindsa c Hunter b Pringle.....	0
N Burdon not out.....	4
Extras.....	18
Total (8 wkts).....	174
Bowling: B Stewart 4-48, R Darling 0-16, L Pringle 2-33, A Thompson 0-24, M Armstrong 1-38, J Barber 1-5	

### Shotley Bridge won by two wickets

### Shotley Bridge 19 pts. Tynedale 8 pts.

### Leadgate v Swalwell SWALWELL

L Anderson run out Jackson.....	5
R Hawthorne lbw Jackson.....	20
I Pattison c McCourt b McCabe.....	33
P Dumighan b Smith.....	1
S Pattison lbw McCabe.....	13
N Phillips c and b Smith.....	33
G Johnson b Fletcher.....	11
M Gray c Smith b Fletcher.....	7
S Clark b Smith.....	4
C Mee not out.....	0
Extras.....	4
Total (all out).....	134
Bowling: S K Smith 3-42, D Jackson 1-30, D McCabe 2-40, G Fletcher 3-20	

### LEADGATE

D Jackson c P Dumighan b Phillips.....	46
R Hockaday lbw Hawthorne.....	8
P Greenwell c Hawthorne b Phillips.....	3
D McCabe lbw Hawthorne.....	0
R Hockaday b Phillips.....	6
S Smith b Pattison.....	13
D Richardson c Mee b Phillips.....	0
P McCourt st Anderson b Phillips.....	4
G Fletcher lbw Hawthorne.....	1
K Telford c Phillips b Mee.....	3
S K Smith not out.....	0
Extras.....	19
Total (all out).....	102
Bowling: I Pattison 1-17, G Johnson 0-13, N Phillips 5-31, R Hawthorne 3-23, C Mee 1-3	

### Swallow won by 32 runs

### Swallow 20pts. Leadgate 6pts

### Consett v Seaton Burn SEATON BURN

J Blacklock c Mellons b Remmer.....	7
J Dixon c Cummins b Remmer.....	2
C Coleman c and b Remmer.....	0
C Wheldon lbw Cummins.....	26
C Lyall b Hopps.....	2
A White c Chapman b Remmer.....	1
C Bandarra c Chapman b Mellons.....	12
R Kirkwood b Dixon.....	12
R Carr c and b Foster.....	36
J Ellis st Chapman b Forster.....	6
J Wright not out.....	5
Extras.....	5
Total (all out).....	114
Bowling: N Remmer 4-16, K Hopps 1-13, M Dixon 1-20, P Mellons 1-32, A Cummins 1-20, A Forster 2-8	

### CONSETT

A Waters c unknown b White.....	10
P Mellons c unknown b Carr.....	4
S Turnbull lbw Carr.....	2

### A Cummins c unknown b White..... 2

N Jamieson c unknown b Wright.....	1
A Forster c unknown b Wheldon.....	14
J Chapman c unknown b Wheldon.....	21