

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Barclays Premier League

Bolton 1 Hull 1, Chelsea 2 Blackburn 0, Everton 3 West Ham 1, Man Utd 0 Arsenal 0, Middlesbrough 1 Aston Villa 1, Newcastle 0 Fulham 1, Stoke 2 Wigan 0, Tottenham 2 Man City 1, West Brom 0 Liverpool 2.

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Man Utd	37	16	2	143	13	11	4	3	241	11	87	43		
Liverpool	37	11	7	108	12	13	4	2	361	14	83	48		
Chelsea	37	11	6	233	12	13	2	3	321	10	80	43		
Arsenal	37	10	5	327	15	9	7	3	372	11	69	28		
Everton	37	8	6	531	20	8	6	4	277	10	61	16		
Aston Villa	37	6	9	326	21	20	6	2	227	9	59	5		
Fulham	37	11	3	428	14	3	8	8	118	13	5	7		
Tottenham	37	10	5	421	10	4	4	10	232	31	2	4		
West Ham	37	8	2	821	21	5	7	7	1923	48	4	2		
Man City	37	12	0	639	18	2	5	12	1536	45	7	4		
Stoke	37	10	5	422	15	2	4	12	1536	45	7	4		
Wigan	37	7	5	616	18	4	4	11	1727	42	11	2		
Bolton	37	7	5	721	21	4	3	11	2031	41	12	4		
Blackburn	37	6	6	622	23	4	4	11	1837	40	20	2		
Portsmouth	36	7	3	823	28	2	8	8	1227	38	20	2		
Sunderland	36	6	3	919	22	3	6	9	1226	36	17	4		
Hull	37	3	5	1018	35	5	6	8	2129	35	24	4		
Newcastle	37	5	7	724	29	2	6	11	1629	34	18	4		
Middlesbrough	37	5	9	517	20	2	2	14	1035	32	28	4		
West Brom	37	3	3	926	33	1	4	13	1034	31	31	4		

Clydesdale Bank, Premier League

Falkirk 0 St Mirren 2, Hamilton 0 Motherwell 3, Hearts 3 Dundee Utd 0, Hibs 0 Celtic 0, Kilmarnock 1 Inverness CT 0, Rangers 2 Aberdeen 1.

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Rangers	37	15	2	244	15	10	6	2	3013	83	46
Celtic	37	14	3	148	13	6	3	32	20	81	47
Hearts	37	11	5	328	18	5	8	5	1219	58	3
Dundee Utd	37	7	8	325	21	6	6	7	2226	53	0
Aberdeen	37	8	5	20	16	5	6	8	1923	50	0
Hibernian	37	6	7	623	23	5	7	6	1821	47	3
Motherwell	37	6	5	23	25	6	3	10	2224	48	4
Kilmarnock	37	3	3	918	22	4	5	9	1825	41	11
Hamilton	37	2	10	18	20	4	3	11	1133	38	24
St Mirren	37	3	8	714	20	6	2	11	1639	37	18
Inverness CT	37	4	5	918	26	6	2	11	1931	37	20
Falkirk	37	6	4	919	20	2	7	9	1732	35	16

Irn-Bru First Division Play-Off, Semi-Final Second Leg

Ayr 3 Brechin 2 (Agg 5-2), Airdrie 2 Peterhead 1 -(Agg 4-1)

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Cowdenbeath 1 East Stirling 1 (Agg 3-2), Queens Park 0 Stenhousemuir 0 (Agg 1-2).

Blue Square play off final

Cambridge 0 Torquay 2.

Frank Hudson Transport Crook and District League Division One

Roddy Moor 2 Coundon and Leeholme 1.

Division Two

Wear Valley Sunday League Division One

Witton Park Rose and Crown 8 Ferryhill Celtic 0; Coundon Conservatives 11 Shildon Royal George 0.

Division Two

Bishop Beehive 8 Barnard Castle 2; Hospital Club 2 The Sausage 4; Butterknowle Edge 3 Shildon Flag and Whistle 14; Etherley Dog and Gun 2 West Auckland WMC 3; Willington Market 0 Coundon Three Tuns 13.

Black Sheep Hambleton Combination Division 1

Unison GLR 7 Topcliffe 3, Blue Star 1 Northallerton Police 5, Gt Broughton Hibs 2 Colburn Town 5, Richmond Turf 1 Scorton 2.

Division 2

Appleton Wiske 1 Streetlam Farmers 2.

Division 3

Bar One 1 Stokesley 10

Durham Alliance League

Ebchester Res 0 Cornforth Utd 4, Si-mondie SC 3 Royal Way 1.

Wear Valley Sunday League Invitation Cup Final

Coundon Durham Ox 3 West Auckland WMC 1.

Division One

Witton Park Rose and Crown 0 Cockfield Kings Head 2; Coundon Conservatives 2 Staindrop FC 1; Tindale Crescent WMC 2 Coundon Durham Ox 0; Tow Law Station 3 Shildon Royal George 3

Division Two

Wolsingham FC 2 Coundon Three Tuns 2; Barnard Castle 0 Hospital Club 10; Shildon Flag and Whistle 7 Etherley Dog and Gun 4.

Apollo Doors Gateshead Youth League

Under-nines Angels

Clara Vale 0, Whickham Fellside Reds 1; Cleveland Hall Q 2, Gateshead Sapipa 2; Cleveland Hall Q 1, Cleveland Hall P 5; Felling Blacks 6, Gateshead Blacks 0; Gateshead Blacks 1, Whickham 3; Gateshead Sapipa 0, Rutherford Swifts 1; Whickham 0, Ryton Blacks 8; Wrekenton Nou Camp 0, Whickham Panthers 3.

Under-nines Castles

Beamish 0, Gateshead W 2

Under-nines Castles

Blaydon YC 1, Felling Whites 1; Cleveland Hall R 0, Felling Q 3; Felling Whites 2, Ryton Blues 0; Redheugh Reds

Under-10s Angels

Blackfyne Eagles 0, Whickham Fellside Blues 1; Catchgate 5, Rutherford 0; Clara Vale 0, Rutherford Swifts 0; Redheugh Reds 1, Whickham Fellside Whites 0; Winlaton Celtic 0, Rutherford Swifts 1.

Under-10s Bridges

Winlaton Raiders 1, Rutherford Nomads 3.

Under-11s

Blackfyne B 2, Cleveland Hall Yellows B 2; Cleveland Hall Blues 2, Whickham Fellside Yellows B 4; Gateshead Sapipa Blues 7, Blaydon 4; Ryton 6, Catchgate 3; Whickham Fellside Whites 3, Gateshead Sapipa 2; Winlaton 10, Consett 5.

Under-12s Angels

Consett 5, Rutherford 5; Gateshead 1, Winlaton 7; Heworth Hammers 3, Whickham Fellside 7.

IFA Tesco Women's Northern Division

Preston0
Sunderland4
SUNDERLAND will play in the top tier of women's football next season after snatching the FA Premier Northern Division title with a last match win at Preston.

The beaten FA Cup-finalists duly completed their task of winning their final four league games of the season to overhaul long-time leaders Lincoln by a single point.

Sixteen-year-old midfield sensation Jordan Nobbs hit the first and last goal, with Lucy Staniforth and Natalie Gutteridge scoring in between.

A tense opening half appeared destined to be goalless until Nobbs won the ball in midfield and began a move which she finished, scoring with a half-volley from Demi Stokes' left wing cross. Soon after Staniforth's speculative cross sailed straight into the North End net 20 minutes after the re-start.

Flowing football followed from the deserved champions who added goals with a Gutteridge header, from a Stokes' corner, and Nobbs with her second to ensure the title and promotion back to the National Division.

It was a day of double celebration for Sunderland as their reserve team also wrapped up their league, following their 9-0 home win against Stockport County.

SCOREBOARDS

Friends Provident Trophy Group B

Lord's Middlesex 341-7 Innings Complete (P A B Hughes 119, O A Shah 82, N J Dexter 65 no, P D Trego 4-65) v Somerset 293-5 (J L Langer 78 no, Z de Bruyn 70, M E Trescothick 62) Somerset beat Middlesex by 5 wkts (D/L Method)

Friends Provident Trophy Group D

Northampton Northamptonshire 124-4 Innings Complete (R A White 51) v Essex 0-0

Indian Premier League

Kings XI Punjab 134-7 Innings Complete (K C Sangakkara 56) v Deccan Chargers 133-8 Innings Complete

Kings XI Punjab beat Deccan Chargers by 1 runs

Delhi Daredevils 150-3 Innings Complete (A B de Villiers 79 no) v Rajasthan Royals 136-9 Innings Complete

Delhi Daredevils beat Rajasthan Royals by 14 runs

2008 Saunders Cup Final

Philadelphia 146-6, Darlington 147-1 (L Coates 79no).

2008 D & A Sports 20/20 Cup Final

Boldon 82 (D Lowther 4-20), Hetton Lyons 76-9 (J Wightman 3-15).

2008 Horner Cup Final

Kimbleworth 222-6 (S Meek 69), Leadgate 138.

Darlington Building Society NYSD Premier League Sunday League Division 1

Seaton Carew 124 (D Storey 31, G Wood 5-38), Richmondshire 14-1 - match abandoned.

Barnard Castle 91 (G Jones 6-21), Yarm 50-8 (G Waller 6-21).

Darlington 158-4 (A Harwood 62, S Hardy 31no), Wolviston 48-3 - match abandoned.

Division 2

Hartlepool 68 (R Arnott 3-7), Bishop Auckland 70-1 (T Newton 42no).

Marske 238-6dec (C Linch 138, J Webb 42, T Kendrew 5-43), Stokesley 84 (J Wing 6-41, J Rice 3-7).

Saltburn 89 (J Pybus 30, M Vanzy 3-27), Sedgfield 90-2 (M Vanzy 34).

Redcar 147-8 (T Easton 39, W Mughal 3-47, V Sood 3-47), Darlington RA 51-2 - match abandoned.

Blackhall 191-3 (N Whitworth 101no, M Bell 33, C Bell 35), Thornaby 150-6 (J Hartley 69no, M Bell 4-41).

Dukes North East Premier League Third Division

Gateshead Fell 133 (P Dicks 59, N Thomas 3-32), Norton 134-3 (A Harter 62no).

Tynemouth 210-7 (R Straughan 90, R Bailey 39), South Shields 173

Blaydon 183-8 (P Miller 33no, S Paterson 31, C Ord 3-42), Sunderland 105 (D Sanderson 35, R Neale 3-30).

Chester-le-Street 253-3 (A Summers 127no, C Pearce 54), Benwell Hill 171-8 (B Pearson 67no, S Friskin 44).

South Northumberland 185-6 (J Jessop 37, M Harbottle 36), Stockton 138-4 (J McCue 55, M Baleci 54, I Fazal 3-3).

SHORTS...

Federer sees off Nadal

TENNIS: Roger Federer won his first title of 2009 after stunning world number one and clay court king Rafael Nadal in front of his own fans in the final of the Madrid Masters. Federer, who going into the match had 57 career titles to his name but was without a tournament success since winning on home soil in Basle last October, took the victory 6-4 6-4 in one hour and 26 minutes.

The win also ended a remarkable run of success on clay for top seed Nadal, who was unable to repeat his heroics from his semi-final against Novak Djokovic when he fought back from the brink to win a gruelling battle 3-6 7-6 (7/5) 7-6 (11/9) in four hours and three minutes, saving three match points along the way. That victory over Djokovic was Nadal's 33rd successive win on clay stretching back over a year, while in total the Spanish superstar had won 150 of 154 matches on dirt since 2005. In the women's final, Dinara Safina clinched her second title of the year after overcoming Danish teen sensation Caroline Wozniacki 6-2 6-4.

CYCLING: Britain's Mark Cavendish won a sprint finish to claim his first victory in this year's Giro d'Italia following a controversial ninth stage in Milan. The riders spent the majority of the 165 kilometres indulging in a go-slow protest at what they felt was a dangerous city circuit. When the pace belatedly picked up with around 30km to go it was a case of setting up the big guns for the anticipated sprint finish. None of road cycling's sprinters currently have a more devastating armoury than Cavendish and he once again showed his class to lead home QuickStep's Allan Davis.

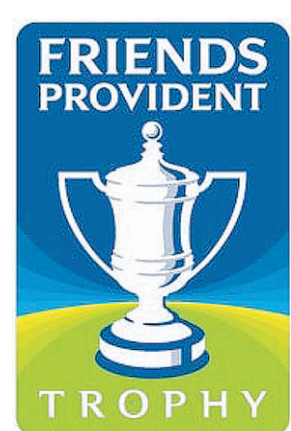
TOURING CARS: James Thompson soared up the British Touring Car Championship standings with victory in the opening two races at Donington Park. Robert Collard won the final race of the day, but Honda Civic driver Thompson was the meeting's standout performer with his first successes of the campaign. The 2002 and 2004 BTCC champion finished ahead of Andrew Jordan and championship leader Matt Neal in race one and, despite being weighed down by the maximum amount of success ballast, repeated the feat in race two, Vauxhall Vectra duo Neal and Fabrizio Giovanardi coming home second and third.

SPORT ON TV: FOOTBALL: Barclays Premier League, Portsmouth v Sunderland - Setanta Sports 1 1900; CRICKET: Second Test, England v West Indies - Sky Sports 1 1030; Indian Premier League, Chennai Super Kings v Kolkata Knight Riders - Setanta Sports 2 1515.

WIN FRIENDS PROVIDENT TICKETS

THE Northern Echo has teamed up with Friends Provident, the life and pensions provider, to give a reader and a friend the chance to go and watch Durham take on Gloucester on Wednesday at Riverside in the Friends Provident Trophy 2009.

The Friends Provident Trophy is the England and Wales Cricket Board's premier domestic one-day competition. As a 50 overs-per-side game, it is the only domestic competition that replicates the One Day International format, providing the ideal proving ground for England's one-day cricketers. Durham's hopes of progress may be over, but the Dynamos will be aiming to go out with a bang. To stand a chance of winning just tell us who Durham beat in the 2007 Friends Provident Trophy final at Lord's. Email your answers to echosport@nne.co.uk, by noon tomorrow and ensure



you include full contact details.

Find out more about this year's Friends Provident Trophy at friendsprovident.com/cricket, where you'll find the latest fixtures and results, match commentary and player profiles. Visit www.friendsprovident.com for more information about Friends Provident.

WEARSLIDE LEAGUE

NEWTON Aycliffe were promoted to the SkilltrainingLtd Northern League second division when they clinched the championship with a seven-goal romp against **Annfield Plain**, writes **MALCOLM PRATT**.

They went into the game in the knowledge that victory would see them crowned champions and they were well on their way when Danny Mellanby, Warren Byrne and Mark Wood (pen) had them firmly in control. Byrne ended with four goals, Mellanby also found the target while Paul Henderson rifled a hat-trick for the Plain.

Aycliffe won 28, drew four and lost only four of their 36 fixtures. With 121 goals, they scored 28 more than any other side and they also boasted the meanest defence, conceding only 31 times.

Aycliffe ended three points ahead of runners-up **New Marske** who were held to

a draw by third-top **Shaeside Athletic**. The Teessiders had **Thaun Taylor** sent off on 56 minutes for a professional foul and when Sam Garvey and Nicholas Ward fired New Marske ahead, the visitors were on course for victory. James Kesterton though reduced the deficit and Greg Booth equalised for Teesside. **Coxhoe Athletic** cemented a top six finish when they hit **Kirkymoorside** for seven goals. David Raine fired in a hat-trick, Christian Holliday bagged a brace with Jamie Hind and Lewis Henry also on the mark. Michael Weston claimed a consolation for the visitors. **Easington Colliery** tonight entertain **Guisborough Town HC** (7.30 pm) and **Jarrow** host **Ashbrooke Belford House** (6.30 pm).

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Newton Aycliffe	36	28	4	4	121	31	88	
New Marske	36	26	7	3	93	43	85	

Teesside Athletic	36	21	11	4	77	40	74
Easington	35	21	8	6	74	42	71
Jarrow	35	21	5	9	71	35	68
Coxhoe Athletic	36	18	6	12	79	61	60
Annfield Plain	36	15	8	13	78	70	53
Ryhope	36	15	8	13	49	44	53
Kirkymoorside	36	15	4	17	61	59	49
Belford House	35	14	5	16	68	75	47
Cleator Moor Celtic	36	14	4	18	68	63	46
Hartlepool	36	14	4	18			