

DUKES ECB NORTH-EAST REGIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Blaydon v Sunderland
SUNDERLAND
 I Shah c C Knox b M L Pollard 5
 R Shahzad c A Worthy b M L Pollard 0
 S Walker c M T Drake b C Knox 8
 A Thorpe c P W Howells b M L Pollard 1
 P Hindmarch c P W Howells b M L Pollard 21
 M Nunn c Gary Stewart b G D Bridge 2
 P Kumar c L Whitfield b G D Bridge 0
 M Robson c A Worthy b C Knox 13
 C Youldon c P W Howells b M L Pollard 0
 J Singh st P W Howells b G D Bridge 3
 I Stephenson not out 0
 Extras 1
 Total (all out) 54
 Bowling: C Knox 2-27, M L Pollard 5-19, G D Bridge 3-8

BLAYDON
 A Worthy c A Thorpe b P Hindmarch 17
 G D Bridge c C Youldon b P Hindmarch 10
 C Knox not out 16
 M T Drake not out 3
 Extras 10
 Total (2 wkts) 56
 Bowling: P Hindmarch 2-26, P Kumar 0-14, I Stephenson 0-5, R Shahzad 0-3, I Shah 0-4

Blaydon won by eight wickets
Blaydon 20 pts. Sunderland 1 pt

Durham Academy v Newcastle

Match abandoned, ground waterlogged
 Durham Academy 5pts. Newcastle 5pts.

Tynemouth v South Shields

TYNEMOUTH
 S Borthwick c and b M Muchall 0
 I Purdy b M Muchall 10
 J Coates c Rainbow b M Muchall 0
 B Debnam c P Muchall b M Muchall 3
 A Smith run out 11
 M Brown b Coyte 16
 A Turner lbw Coyte 0
 J Sander c Dorothy b Coyte 0
 G Hollins not out 15
 T Davis-Taylor c Bell b McShane 9
 D Hymers c P Muchall b McShane 0
 Extras 20
 Total (all out) 84
 Bowling: M Muchall 4-19, A Coyte 3-15, P Muchall 0-20, K McShane 2-14, N Quinn 0-2

SOUTH SHIELDS

D Shurben not out 50
 P Muchall not out 32
 Extras 3
 Total (0 wkts) 85
 Bowling: T Davis-Taylor 0-32, D Hymers 0-15, S Borthwick 0-20, J Coates 0-16

South Shields won by ten wickets
Tynemouth 0pts. South Shields 20pts

Chester le Street v Norton

CHESTER LE STREET
 S Birtwistle c Brown b Duncan 56
 A Mustard c Tompkinson b Duncan 38
 A Smith b Duncan 4
 R Waite c and b Gresham 12
 A Birbeck run out 20
 T Stonack c Brown b Duncan 27
 L Simpson c Thomas b Duncan 5
 A Tye not out 28
 A Bell b Duncan 1
 D Wilson c Dalby b Kean 2
 Extras 16
 Total (9 wkts dec) 209
 Bowling: J Kean 1-66, A Fawcett 0-26, K Gresham 1-44, B Duncan 6-66

NORTON

J Kennedy b Smith 24
 H Linton lbw b Simpson 0
 M Thomas c Mustard b Bell 19
 M Brown c Bell b Simpson 29
 K Gresham b Bell 0
 D Kennedy b Waite 2
 J Kean not out 8
 L Dalby b Simpson 0
 B Duncan not out 3
 Extras 11
 Total (7 wkts) 96
 Bowling: A Tye 0-12, L Simpson 3-24, A Bell 2-18, A Smith 1-23, R Waite 1-8, J Harrison 0-0

Match drawn
Chester le Street 13pts. Norton 7pts
Benwell Hill v South Northumberland

SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND
 J Graham st Nicholson b Khan 21
 A Heather lbw Rutherford 8
 A Craggs c Chambers b Rutherford 22
 C Hewison b Cant 42
 B Ford st Nicholson b Rutherford 5
 S Humble c Nicholson b Khan 30
 J Harbottle run out 1
 N Corby run out 5
 L Crozier not out 14
 C Smith st Nicholson b Khan 1
 Extras 6
 Total (9 wkts) 155
 Bowling: D Rutherford 3-26, J Kilpatrick 0-29, Z Khan 3-46, T Cant 1-37, P Jones 0-11

BENWELL HILL

A Maiden c Hewison b Humble 36
 G Race c Graham b Brook 34
 Z Khan c Smith b Humble 2
 M Dale c Ford b Smith 2
 D Rutherford c Corby b Humble 8
 R Coughtrie run out 16
 P Nicholson lbw Crozier 11
 J Chambers not out 7
 T Cant c Brook b Crozier 2
 P Jones not out 1
 Extras 10
 Total (8 wkts) 129
 Bowling: S Humble 3-31, B Ford 0-13, R Brook 1-33, L Crozier 2-23, C Smith 1-21

Match drawn
Benwell Hill 12pts. South Northumberland 8pts

Gateshead Fell v Stockton

STOCKTON
 J Richard c Foster b Gidman 4
 K Turner not out 115
 J Watson c Steele b Gidman 2
 M Gajanayake lbw Alwis 12
 C Parr c Steele b Alwis 40
 C Hooker c Dicks b Gidman 13
 K Ward not out 7
 Extras 18
 Total (5 wkts) 211
 Bowling: W Gidman 3-54, P Towner 0-34, G Alwis 2-43, M Dicks 0-28, M Cairns 0-26, M Smith 0-9

GATESHEAD FELL

W Gidman not out 117
 P Towner c Armstrong b Hooker 8
 J Foster lbw Armstrong 35
 G Alwis c Turner b Ward 13
 R Smith c Gajanayake b Armstrong 1
 M Smith not out 23
 Extras 18
 Total (4 wkts) 215
 Bowling: C Hooker 1-29, A Parr 0-15, K Turner 0-35, M Gajanayake 0-50, K Ward 1-53, T Armstrong 2-29

Gateshead Fell won by six wickets
Gateshead Fell 27 pts. Stockton 6 pts

	P	W	D	T	L	Pts
South Northumberland	7	6	1	0	0	186
Chester-le-Street	7	4	3	0	0	163
South Shields	7	4	2	0	1	133
Blaydon	7	4	3	0	0	130
Benwell Hill	7	2	4	0	1	99
Sunderland	7	2	2	0	3	91
Gateshead Fell	7	1	5	0	1	75
Newcastle	7	1	3	0	3	72
Durham CA	7	1	3	0	3	57
Norton	7	1	2	0	4	55
Tynemouth	7	1	1	0	5	54
Stockton	7	0	1	0	6	33

South Northumberland

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 Tynemouth 7
 Stockton 7

Sunderland

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Cestrians chipping away at leaders

IT might have to be a painstaking process but **Chester-le-Street** are slowly chipping away at the lead of South Northumberland at the head of the North East Premier League.

Despite the disappointment of being held to a draw by struggling Norton, the Cestrians are now six points closer to the leaders than they were a fortnight ago following a helping hand from Benwell Hill.

The Hill left South North with only eight points from a drawn finish, the lowest return of a season in which they have totally dominated the previous six teams they have overcome.

Benwell have now become a team to watch as they moved into fifth place behind Blaydon, South Shields and Chester-le-Street who are now 23 points behind South North.

Chester were in striking form as they posted 209-9 before a declaration and then reducing Norton to 96-7. Simon Birtwistle (56) gave them a splendid start but try as they might his colleagues with the ball could not wear down the visitors' batsmen. Nevertheless, Liam Simpson (3-24) and Andrew Bell (2-18) got some reward for their efforts.

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 by Chris West

Stockton are still in trouble at the foot of the table after their sixth defeat in seven games left them 21 points adrift of Tynemouth. Gateshead Fell escaped from second bottom place to seventh by beating the Teessiders for their first win of the season.

Karl Turner hit another century, batting through the Stockton innings to reach an undefeated 115 out of a respectable 211-5. Chris Parr added 40 to put them in with a chance of turning the corner but it all fell apart when Will Gidman scored a masterful 117, carrying his bat as the Fell reached the winning target for the loss of four wickets.

In Benwell Hill's close finish with South North, openers Ali Maiden (36) and Graeme Race (34) gave them a great start in their reply to the leaders' innings of 155-9. But Stephen Humble (3-31) and Lee Crozier (2-23) put the brakes on their opponents who finished 26 runs short on 129-8.

South Shields enjoyed a thumping ten-wicket victory against Tynemouth pushing them down three places to second bottom.

Matthew Muchall (4-19 in 18 overs with 11 maidens) and Adam Coyte (3-15 in 13 overs) bowled them out for 84. Shields wasted no time in their reply as Dan Shurben made an unbeaten half century which



RUN MAKERS: Dale Benkenstien and Will Smith add up the runs for Durham in their County Championship game with Hampshire at Riverside

included five fours and two sixes. Paul Muchall also carried his bat in scoring 32 as the visitors took just 17 overs to reach the winning target.

Newcastle's trip to play the Durham Academy became a casualty of the waterlogged ground at Maiden Castle.

Castle Eden ease to six wickets victory

THE 3D Durham Coast League avoided the havoc which the wet weather caused to the principal competitions, with all five matches rolling out interesting finishes.

Leaders **Castile Eden** enjoyed the only win of the day and it boosted their hopes of snatching the championship away from **Murton**. It proved a hard earned victory as latest rivals **Boldon CA** set them 214, but they did it in style with six wickets to spare. Skipper John Spellman junior hit 49 when the opening batsmen managed just 25 between them.

Then came an undefeated 53 from Dean Langridge in the match-winning stand with Alan Unsworth (38 not out) after Calvin Stephenson, their opening bowler, had chipped in with 38 as well.

Boldon had star quality with opener Jason Jones hitting a half century and

Lee Jackson unbeaten on 61 as they reached 213-9. Stephenson grabbed four of the wickets. The Castle extended their advantage by eight points to 36 with Bill Quay, who couldn't quite get the better of Peterlee, staying in second.

Stuart Smith produced an exciting half century to make a declaration possible on 194-7. Their opponents battled to gain a draw on 124-9 despite six wickets for David Brown and three for Joe Dodd.

Murton, who have started without their usual impact and are currently seventh, struggled against **Ryhope** (200-9). Stephen Wright (2-3) and Michael Thorpe (3-32) had Murton in trouble before they finished on 131-8.

Just three of the six matches were possible in the Warmseal Durham Senior League with Hetton Lyons the only winners. They beat **Felling** (177

all out) by five wickets with an opening stand between Sura Malinga (53) and Michael Walker (46) making it look easy. Paul Leonard made 42 and Alex Brook was on 34 when he ran out of partners.

Leaders **Boldon** had their match cancelled with the **Eppleton** ground waterlogged, but second-placed **Whitburn** (120 all out) couldn't take advantage as their rivals **Burnmoor** (78-9) ground out a draw. Ian Conn took seven wickets for the Moor while Neil Johnson grabbed five for the visitors.

John Pendlington (5-27) had **Durham City** in trouble on 64-8 against **South Hetton** (187-8). Among three of the five games possible in the Readers Durham County League there was a major boost for **Shildon Railway** who took back the slot as table toppers. They defeated **Langley Park** to leapfrog

Crook Town and **Kimblesworth** who didn't play because of the weather.

Ushaw Moor and **Esh Winning** were the others to take full points by beating **Mainsforth** and **Brandon** respectively, with excellent individual batting displays by Viraj Perera (83 for Mainsforth), Usman Arshad (66 not out for Ushaw), Tom Hodgkiss (58 for Brandon) and David Lawler (55 not out for Esh).

Swalwell continued to carry all before them in the Wellstream NTSL as they defied the conditions at **Tynedale**. They lead by 23 points from **Shotley Bridge** whose game at **Anfield Plain** was among four to be called off. Richard Hawthorne (74 and 4-28) was Swalwell's all-round star performer. **Benwell and Walbottle** won the battle of the two bottom teams beating **Ryton** by 53 runs.

FIXTURES

ICC World Twenty20 2009 Group A
Trent Bridge: Bangladesh v Ireland (13.30)
Group C
Trent Bridge: Australia v Sri Lanka (17.30)
LV County Championship Division One (day 3 of 4)
Riverside: Durham v Hampshire Old
Trafford: Lancashire v Somerset
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Headingley Carnegie: Yorkshire v Sussex
Division Two (day 3 of 4)
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex
THE SWALEC Stadium: Glamorgan v Surrey
Grace Road: Leicestershire v Kent
Twenty20 Matches
Taunton Vale CC: Australia Women v India Women (16.00)
Kings College: New Zealand Women v England Women (12.00)
Taunton Vale CC: South Africa Women v Sri Lanka Women (12.00)
Kings College: West Indies Women v Pakistan Women (16.00)
Horner Cup
 Esh Winning v Ushaw Moor, Leadgate v Blackhall
George Coates Trophy
 Mainsforth v Norton
Fenwick Cup
 Crathorne v Barton
Darlington Building Society NYSD Junior League North Division
 Barnard Castle v Norton, Darlington v Hartlepool, Darlington RA v Richmondshire, Stockton v Seaton Carew, Sedgfield v Wolviston
South Division
 Guisborough v Stokesley, Malby v Great Ayton, Marton v Middlesbrough, Redcar v

Marske, Thornaby v Saltburn, Yarm v Normanby Hall
DCB U15 Youth Championship Wellstream NTSL Section North Division
 Blaydon v Swalwell, Greenside v Ryton, Whickham v Shotley Bridge
South Division
 Burnopfield v Anfield Plain, Consett v Crookhall, Lancheater v Tantobie, Sacriston v Lintz
Warmseal Durham Senior League Section North Division
 Boldon v South Shields, Chester le Street v Marsden, Felling v Gateshead Fell, Whitburn v Sunderland
South Division
 Burnmoor v Philadelphia, Durham City v Hornden, Eppleton v Hetton Lyons, South Hetton v Seaham Harbour
3D Sports Durham Coast League Section North Division
 Seaham Park v Bill Quay, Washington Raiders v Easington Green, Silksworth v Ryhope Red, Boldon Blue v Wearmouth
South Division
 Easington Yellow v Dawdon, Castle Eden v Washington Royals, Ryhope Gold v Peterlee
Readers Durham County U15 League
 Crook Town v Newton Aycliffe, Langley Park v Brandon, Shildon Railway v Bishop Auckland, Tudhoe v Esh Winning, Evenwood v Ushaw Moor, Willington v Hylton
Justsport West Tyne U15 League
 Haltwhistle v Wark, Humshaugh v Wylam
Nationwide U15 Cup
 Tynedale v Tynemouth