

No stopping South North as Blaydon's record is ended

A YEAR-LONG unbeaten run by Blaydon came to an end as champions South Northumberland, who rarely miss a trick, preserved their own amazing record of not having lost a league match in the last 24, a run stretching back to May last year.

Blaydon, who lost their record which included 17 draws in 24 unbeaten games, were never in the hunt against the runaway leaders. As hard as top scorer Geoff Stewart (41) tried he couldn't get the side beyond 141 in reply to South North's dominant innings of 205 in which Adam Heather

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smashed a brilliant 83. Former Durham County spinner Graeme Bridge (3-45) chipped away and only Chris Hewison, who made 38, and Tom Seymour (22) added effectively to the total, but Blaydon were beaten by 64 runs as Craig Smith (4-34) became the main wicket taker. Second-placed Chester-le-Street continued to press the leaders with a big win over Durham Academy which took them seven points

closer to South North, although still 16 adrift. A run-a-ball partnership between Alan Mustard (84 not out) and Andrew Smith (81 not out) carried the Cestrians (188-1) to an outstanding nine-wicket victory after the Academy were bowled out by Richard Waite (5-57) and Quentin Hughes (4-23). Nevertheless Ben Raine with 51 and Ben Stokes with 40 continued their excellent form. Bottom club Stockton didn't quite take their cup form into the league but they grabbed valuable extra points in a drawn finish with Tynemouth which lifted

them nine points closer to fellow strugglers Norton who lost against Gateshead Fell. A superb unbeaten 121 by Sri Lankan Malintha Gajanayake, including a healthy partnership with opener Jon Rickard (47), took Stockton to 237-6, while the same pair had Tynemouth hanging on at the close on 169-8. Gajanayake (4-17) followed Rickard (4-53) into the attack. Gateshead Fell's second successive win ended their recurring fears that they could be sucked back towards the bottom of the table.

Having posted an impressive 276-6, with a brilliant 136 from Will Gidman, they bowled out Norton for 155. Geeth Alwis (5-42) did most damage for Gateshead with the ball, but Norton's Dean Williams hit 66 to give hope of better times to come. Sunderland needed to make their biggest team score of the season to bring an end to a losing spell with a win over Newcastle. Michael Robson (98 not out) and Greg Applegarth (94) shared in a blistering third wicket stand to reach 273 and win by six wickets. Despite four wickets for

Jaspreet Singh and three for opening bowler Paul Hindmarch their Tyneside opponents must have thought they had enough runs with 272-9 to have won. Their top man was Joseph Austin with 78. The day's other winners were South Shields who are comfortably back in third place after bowling out Benwell Hill for just 56, their lowest score in the NEPL. Shields offered 200-8, with 69 from Danny Shurben, before Matthew Muchall (5-14) and Chris Dorothy (3-4) put the Hill's batsmen on the rack. The excellence of Muchall brought him a hat-trick.

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Durham Academy v Chester le Street DURHAM ACADEMY B Raine c Wilson b Waite 51 R Singh c Hughes b Waite 27 B Stokes st Wilson b Waite 40 M Turns run out 19 R Pringle st Wilson b Hughes 26 M Wood c Smith b Waite 3 M Sampson-Barnes c Wilson b Waite 3 C Pearce c Simpson b Hughes 0 R Kirtley c Evans b Hughes 0 J Windows not out 10 C Hardy c Mustard b Hughes 1 Extras 5 Total (all out) 185 Bowling: L Evans 0-25, L Simpson 0-19, A Bell 0-17, A Tye 0-18, R Waite 5-57, A Smith 0-22, Q Hughes 4-23		Extras 29 Total (9 wks) 272 Bowling: P Kumar 0-31, P Hindmarch 3-74, I Stephenson 0-16, R Shahzad 1-38, I Shah 1-29, S Walker 0-8, J Singh 4-58		SUNDERLAND I Shah c Harrison b Lindsay 2 G Applegarth c Shaw b Evans 94 S Walker c Carr b Cryer 22 M Robson not out 98 A Thorpe c Lindsay b Austin 32 R Shahzad not out 16 Extras 9 Total (4 wks) 273 Bowling: P Lindsay 1-40, M Cryer 1-38, R Evans 1-73, J Austin 1-78, N Harrison 0-28, R Lake 0-14		B Duncan lbw Alwis 0 J Tompkinson lbw Alwis 2 A Fawcett not out 0 Extras 10 Total (all out) 155 Bowling: P Towner 2-32, M Smith 1-14, G Alwis 5-42, R Smith 1-13, M Dicks 1-47, M Cairns 0-3		Gateshead Fell won by 121 runs Norton 6pts. Gateshead Fell 30pts Blaydon v South Northumberland SOUTH NORTHUMBERLAND A Heather c Drake b Malkin 83 J Graham c Geoff Stewart b Pollard 16 J Harbottle lbw Pollard 1 C Hewison b Bridge 38 L Crozier c Geoff Stewart b Malkin 0 B Ford c Howells b Bridge 0 S Humble st Howells b Bridge 6 T Seymour b Knox 22 N Corby not out 18 C Goodfellow run out 0 C Smith b Gary Stewart 5 Extras 16 Total (all out) 205 Bowling: C Knox 1-37, M L Pollard 2-21, Gary Stewart 1-21, G D Bridge 3-45, P S Freary 0-6, J Malkin 2-66		South Northumberland won by 64 runs Blaydon 6 pts. South Northumberland 23 pts South Shields v Benwell Hill SOUTH SHIELDS D Shurben c and b G Race 69 P Muchall c Wright b Khan 18 A Coyte c Wright b Cant 24 O Stedman c Dale b Race 21 C Dorothy c Maiden b Khan 28 M Dunn c Khan b Race 5 C Rainbow b Rutherford 0 S Norton not out 9 M Muchall c Thompson b Rutherford 1 N Quinn not out 11 Extras 14 Total (8 wks) 200 Bowling: Z Khan 2-46, D Rutherford 2-45, T Cant 1-43, P Jones 0-17, G Race 3-31, M Wright 0-6		BENWELL HILL P Nicholson c Rainbow b M Muchall 4 A Maiden c Rainbow b M Muchall 7 J Thompson b M Muchall 0 M Dale c P Muchall b M Muchall 0 Z Khan c P Muchall b Coyte 4 D Rutherford c Rainbow b M Muchall 0 J Chambers c Shurben b P Muchall 13 G Race c M Muchall b Dorothy 11 T Cant c Watson b Dorothy 6 M Wright c and b Dorothy 3 P Jones not out 0 Extras 8 Total (all out) 56 Bowling: M Muchall 5-14, A Coyte 1-20, P Muchall 1-16, C Dorothy 3-4, N Quinn 0-0		South Shields won by 144 runs Stockton v Tynemouth STOCKTON J Rickard lbw Borthwick 47 K Turner b Smith 11 J Watson run out 0 M Gajanayake not out 121 C Hooker c Brown b Borthwick 15 J Ward lbw Borthwick 1 K Ward c Coates b Davis-Taylor 27 L Mason not out 3 Extras 12 Total (6 wks) 237 Bowling: T Davis-Taylor 1-48, A Smith 1-31, J Coates 0-63, S Borthwick 3-66, D Hymers 0-20		TYNEMOUTH I Purdy b Rickard 41 D Young c and b Rickard 32 S Borthwick b Gajanayake 37 A Smith c J Ward b Gajanayake 28 B Debnam c M Ward b Gajanayake 10 M Brown c Armstrong b Rickard 1 C Beever not out 10 G Hollins c Gajanayake b Rickard 1 J Coates lbw Gajanayake 0 T Davis-Taylor not out 1 Extras 8 Total (8 wks) 169 Bowling: C Hooker 0-19, A Parr 0-22, K Turner 0-33, J Rickard 4-53, M Gajanayake 4-17, T Armstrong 0-12, K Ward 0-5		Match drawn Stockton 15 pts. Tynemouth 8 pts <table border="1"> <tr><th>P</th><th>W</th><th>D</th><th>T</th><th>L</th><th>Pt</th></tr> <tr><td>South Northumberland</td><td>8</td><td>7</td><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>209</td></tr> <tr><td>Chester-le-Street</td><td>8</td><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>0</td><td>193</td></tr> <tr><td>South Shields</td><td>8</td><td>5</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>159</td></tr> <tr><td>Blaydon</td><td>8</td><td>4</td><td>3</td><td>0</td><td>136</td></tr> <tr><td>Sunderland</td><td>8</td><td>3</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>120</td></tr> <tr><td>Gateshead Fell</td><td>8</td><td>2</td><td>5</td><td>0</td><td>105</td></tr> <tr><td>Benwell Hill</td><td>8</td><td>2</td><td>4</td><td>0</td><td>103</td></tr> <tr><td>Newcastle</td><td>8</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>0</td><td>78</td></tr> <tr><td>Tynemouth</td><td>8</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>62</td></tr> <tr><td>Norton</td><td>8</td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>61</td></tr> <tr><td>Durham CA</td><td>8</td><td>1</td><td>3</td><td>0</td><td>60</td></tr> <tr><td>Stockton</td><td>8</td><td>0</td><td>2</td><td>0</td><td>48</td></tr> </table>		P	W	D	T	L	Pt	South Northumberland	8	7	1	0	209	Chester-le-Street	8	5	3	0	193	South Shields	8	5	2	0	159	Blaydon	8	4	3	0	136	Sunderland	8	3	2	0	120	Gateshead Fell	8	2	5	0	105	Benwell Hill	8	2	4	0	103	Newcastle	8	1	3	0	78	Tynemouth	8	1	2	0	62	Norton	8	1	2	0	61	Durham CA	8	1	3	0	60	Stockton	8	0	2	0	48
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WARMSEAL DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE

Holden v Durham City DURHAM CITY J McCann c Birks b Scott 13 M Hopkinson b Birks 45 M Elliott run out 8 R Flunder c Birks b Dixon 17 S Christudas c and b Dixon 6 W Dobson c Peace b Dixon 21 P Price not out 17 M Woodhead lbw Scott 0 C Myers c Atherton b Scott 0 A Mshanetsky not out 13 Extras 20 Total (8 wks) 160 Bowling: K Walters 0-30, C Scott 3-25, R Atherton 0-26, S Birks 1-36, A Dixon 3-33		L Irvine b Jane 0 H Vitthana c Hoban b Davidson 17 N Young b Leslie 14 J Davies c Leslie b Davidson 24 J Pendlington lbw Leslie 0 C Stephenson c Hoban b Davidson 7 M Stephenson b Leslie 7 D Conway lbw Davidson 1 A Hillas lbw Watson 11 D Wilkinson not out 0 Extras 21 Total (all out) 114 Bowling: P Davidson 5-17, M Jane 1-25, C Watson 1-21, J Leslie 3-32, N Gray 0-4		J Daley c Doherty b Shakespeare 7 B Dewes c Houmark b Shakespeare 46 J Tindale c Ellison b Shakespeare 0 G Wright c Doherty b Shakespeare 4 M Thursfield c Ellison b Shakespeare 23 M Robson b Wightman 16 A Linsley b Bittlestone 3 G Brown not out 61 S McDonald lbw Wightman 0 M Newton c Houmark b Wightman 4 I Conn not out 22 Extras 37 Total (9 wks) 223 Bowling: J Wightman 3-51, P Shakespeare 4-34, M Sampson-Barnes 1-28, M Bittlestone 1-49, C Ellison 0-32		Total (2 wks) 159 Bowling: S Robinson 0-20, S Errington 0-31, S Hauxwell 1-14, A Brown 0-17, C Cheal 1-25, M Phillips 0-14																																																																																																													
Newcastle v Sunderland NEWCASTLE R Evans c Applegarth b Hindmarch 4 J Carr run out 39 J Austin b Singh 78 R Lake c Thorpe b Hindmarch 11 N Tomlinson c Youldon b Singh 12 J Shaw c Stephenson b Singh 12 N Penfold c Youldon b Singh 0 A Burrows b Shahzad 35 N Harrison c Thorpe b Hindmarch 34 P Lindsay not out 13 M Cryer not out 5		NORTON J Kennedy c Cairns b Towner 2 H Linton lbw M Smith 3 M Thomas c S Devenport b R Smith 12 M Brown c M Smith b Alwis 18 D Williams c Javed b Alwis 66 K Gresham c Javed b Dicks 5 D Kennedy b Alwis 20 J Evans b Towner 17		BOLDON C Ellison lbw Conn 42 J Coyne c Thursfield b Brown 27 G Houmark not out 59 G Foster b Conn 2 A Doherty lbw Conn 15 N Jones run out 1 M S'ponson-Barnes c Robson b Thursfield 0 G Sargon not out 6 Extras 4 Total (6 wks) 156 Bowling: M Thursfield 1-31, M Robson 0-9, I Conn 3-67, G Brown 1-28, M Newton 0-17		Whitburn won by eight wickets Whitburn 20 pts. Philadelphia 3 pts Hetton Lyons v Marsden HETTON LYONS M Walker lbw Wills 1 S Malinga c C Elliott b Ditchburn 4 S Birbeck b Ditchburn 5 D Lowther b Wills 79 L Mallaburn c C Mann b Wills 0 J Clay c C Elliott b G Malcolm 15 A Lorrmer b B Ali 37 A McGuire c and b M Fearon 11 K Waterson not out 26 I Male b J Sneller 7 G Adey not out 10 Extras 14 Total (9 wks) 204 Bowling: D Ditchburn 2-35, D Wills 3-43, G Malcolm 1-29, M Fearon 1-46, B Ali 1-28, J Sneller 1-14																																																																																																													
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 Aldbrough St John 152-9 (R Wood 75, S Rowley 3-39), Barningham 124 (D Webb 3-17, D Mathias 5-58), Ingleton 133-6 (P Watson 47), Rockcliffe Park 127 (J Briggs 30, M Swanwick 37, R Jamieson 4-67, K Gamack 5-34), Middleton st George 244-4 (P Rogers 45, J Bainbridge 101, M Ayub 66), Eryholme 108-4 (M Clark 46), Middleton in Teesdale 121-8 (A Coatsworth 44, G Close 3-15), Lands 124-6 (J Tallintyre 45), Catterick Village 70 (J Murray 7-28), Barton 58 (B Smith 6-33, K Swainston 4-23), Cockerton 188 (S Gough 35, C Lethbridge 39, A Whitfield 3-45, A Raw 3-68, M Dennett 3-49), East Cowton 125 (L Grant 45, I Potts 8-86).

Division B
 Raby Castle 172-7 (M Dent 42, N Olsen 77, M Groves 3-74, K Monaghan 4-87), Spennymoor 75 (N Jones 3-38, T Hutchinson 5-19), Ingleton 136 (A Lamb 30, A Raby 4-46, K Spence 3-21, T Travis 3-10), Rockcliffe Park 127-9 (T Dell 69, S Beaumont 3-32, J Overfield 4-34), Middleton Tyas 79 (L Morgan 34, M Fairey 7-19, S Madden 3-22), Barton 80-5, Cliffe 153-5 (M Rickerman 43, M Riley 32no), Witton le Wear 148 (P Crisp 46, R Adamson 5-69, M Riley 3-20), Brompton on Swale 130-6 (H Craggs 3-45), Trimdon Colliery 89 (J Tinkler 43, P Hanratty 9-34), Dales 28 (M Lunn 3-15), Haughton 29-0.

Division C
 Aldbrough St John 90 (R Woodhouse 42, R Stanwix 5-7), Barningham 91-4 (B Metcalfe 30), Raby Castle 62 (G Wood 6-23), Richmond 63-2, King James 159-6 (L Still 4-49), Cliffe (I Peacock 59, D Gorton 7-49), Haughton 160 (M Gill 7-77), Cockerton 161-8 (S Nesbitt 3-41), Trimdon 258-5 (A Lowery 60, G Peat 103), Eryholme 165-7 (C Anderson 103no).

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