

Johnston leading race to reach landmark of 1,000 runs

WITH Guisborough grabbing back top spot in one of the tightest championship scrambles for many a year, the highlight of the weekend was the intriguing individual battle to see who will be the first batsman to reach the distinguished 1,000 runs landmark.

Three players – **Middlesbrough's** Paul Johnston, Northallerton's Teddy Parida and Great Ayton's Chris Batchelor – are all in the running with 2,182 runs scored between them, each with 13 innings completed. Johnston is the favourite with 804 having boosted his rating with a superb unbeaten 151 against Marske on Saturday.

Parida is 65 runs behind despite inspiring

Darlington Building Society NYSD Premier League

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Northallerton to their second win of the season, and Batchelor, with 639 runs, might have been better placed his team's match hadn't been abandoned when rain closed in earlier than anywhere.

Johnston's sizzling knock came at Acklam Park from an amazing 99 balls with 22 fours and two sixes as Boro totalled 274-4 before a 36-over declaration. He shared in partnerships of 91 with Liam Botham (33), 83 with Tom Hodgson (37) and 70 with his skipper, James Lowe (31).

Rain and bad light cut the game short after Marske first

crawled to 31-2 from 15 overs and then accelerated to finish on 102-2 with a stand of 91 between Gary Lynch (44 not out) and Chris Allinson (41 not out).

The top of the table meeting at **Guisborough** saw **Marton** concede the league leadership to their opponents after just six days of elevation. The Priory club posted 232-7 with Tariq Aziz hitting a splendid 135 with ten fours and five sixes. Martin Hood was second highest scorer with 30 against his old team for whom Graham Shaw (4-98 from 21 overs) and Dean Kirby (3-95 from 23 overs) were made to work overtime.

Marton's reply was hit by a shaky start losing four wickets for just 63 runs

before Chris Veazey (56) and then Shaw (50 not out) made sure they saved the game. But the three point lead Marton enjoyed before the match was lost and Guisborough now have a two point advantage.

Billingham are deep in relegation trouble after they lost for the seventh time.

They were beaten by **Bishop Auckland** by 89 runs after Gary Pratt hit a whirlwind 117 with 86 in boundaries. His first 50 runs came from 27 balls and the century from 82. He shared in a stand of 128 with Dan Conway, his fellow professional, who made 63.

Bishops (236-7) then bowled out the Synners for 147, with Dan Conway (5-36) and Chris Sawyer (4-45)

shared the bowling success for Bishops.

Northallerton's worries at the foot of the table eased with their first win in 10 against **Normanby Hall**.

Parida's 63 provided the excellent backbone to an innings of 144-3 in 35.5 overs after Normanby, without six of their regular players, had been unable to score freely from the offerings of Jon Barnes (3-37 in 25 overs).

The win, by seven wickets, lifted them 40 points clear of the bottom with Normanby moving down to share 12th place with them.

Hartlepool beat **Blackhall** in a game where Warren Swan made 80 of their modest total of 159. Marc Symington (6-63 from 19.2 overs) and Janaka

Gunaratne (3-38) became Pool's bowling stars. Chris Fawcett (69 not out) top scored as Hartlepool won by eight wickets.

The game between **Richmondshire** (214-7, including 88 from Shani Dissanayake) and **Thornaby** (81-1) was hit by multiple rain stoppages, and **Darlington's** visit to **Great Ayton** (87-1) was washed out after only 20 overs.

In Division One, **Barnard Castle** took back the lead from **Stokesley** to spoil a week in which they had beaten two premier league teams in the Kerridge Cup. **Stokesley's** game was washed out by the rain while **Barney** grabbed a vital victory to give them a ten-point advantage at the top.

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Bishop Auckland v Billingham Synthonia	
BISHOP AUCKLAND	
B C Usher c Symington b Cull	2
G J Pratt c Randika b Akbar	117
P Holdsworth b Cull	0
D O Conway b Cull	63
M Cowling run out	26
M G Wrightson c Burgum c Akbar	5
C A George b Akbar	1
C Sawyer not out	9
Extras	13
Total (7 wks dec)	236
Bowling: K Hewson 0-36, C Symington 0-23, M Cull 3-62, N Randika 0-27, M Atkinson 0-42, S Akbar 3-35	
BILLINGHAM SYNTHONIA	
K Hewson lbw Conway	4
M Bartley c L Garnett b D Conway	0
N Randika b D O Conway	101
C Symington c Holdsworth b D Conway	5
S Driver b Sawyer	7
D Nowell run out	0
G Burgum lbw Sawyer	0
M Atkinson b Sawyer	10
S Akbar b Sawyer	0
A Warnes not out	12
M Cull b D O Conway	0
Extras	8
Total (all out)	147
Bowling: D O Conway 5-36, P Holdsworth 0-30, C Sawyer 4-45, J Conway 0-31	
Bishop Auckland won by 89 runs	
Bishop Auckland 20pts, Billingham Synthonia 5pts	
Thornaby v Richmondshire	
RICHMONDSHIRE	
J Clarkson b Shahzad	24
M Layfield b Beaumont	7

M Brown b Beaumont	30
S Dissanayake not out	88
A Fleming c Shahzad b Beaumont	27
Z Ashraf b Beaumont	5
M Fleming lbw Shahzad	1
M Jobling run out	5
A Hillary not out	3
Extras	24
Total (7 wks)	214
Bowling: L Metcalfe 0-31, L Beaumont 4-73, K Shahzad 2-66, A Emherson 0-28	
THORNABY	
N Coverdale not out	22
A Emherson run out	34
K Shahzad not out	24
Extras	3
Total (1 wkt)	83
Bowling: S Dissanayake 0-20, J Clarkson 0-14, M Cunnachie 0-17, M Brown 0-31	
Match abandoned, rain	
Thornaby 3pts, Richmondshire 13pts	
Guisborough v Marton	
GUISBOROUGH	
M Hood lbw Shaw	30
T Aziz c Chadwick b Shaw	135
N Russell lbw Shaw	4
G Murray c Hodgson b Kirby	26
P Goodchild c Veazey b Kirby	0
R Dunn c Veazey b Shaw	13
C Murray not out	10
R Murray b Kirby	3
Extras	12
Total (7 wks)	232
Bowling: L Hodgson 0-20, Z Shahzad 0-17, D Kirby 3-95, G Shaw 3-98	
MARTON	
C Lane c Allinson b Goodchild	8
T Chadwick c and b Goodchild	1
J Spillane c Murray b Russell	11
L Hodgson b Russell	7

Northallerton v Normanby	
Hall	
NORMANBY HALL	
M Lane c Gill b Barnes	22
H Blackett b Barnes	5
P Wiseman b Bentley	34
T Ramzan b Barnes	23
N Hussain not out	33
R Rashid run out	10
S Rashid not out	2
Extras	11
Total (5 wks)	140
Bowling: J Barnes 3-37, R Chandler 0-26, R Bentley 1-37, M Fishburn 0-29	
NORTHALLERTON	
I Gill not out	52
R Parida b Ramzan	63
J Clarkson c Hussain b Ramzan	6
D Pavan c Carter b Ramzan	6
R Bentley not out	10
Extras	7
Total (3 wks)	144
Bowling: S Ahmed 0-38, P Wiseman 0-10, H Blackett 0-24, N Hussain 0-30, T Ramzan 3-22, S Rashid 0-14	
Northallerton won by seven wickets	
Northallerton 20pts, Normanby Hall 3pts	
Middlesbrough v Marske	
MIDDLESBROUGH	
J Lowe lbw Carroll	31
P Johnston not out	151
A Ditta lbw Carroll	4
L Botham b Nicholls	33
T Hodgson b Pickard	37
B Roberts not out	12
Extras	6
Total (4 wks dec)	274
Bowling: C Allinson 0-82, J Carroll 2-117, C Nicholls 1-43, J Pickard 1-30	

MARSKE										
C Haslett c Hodgson b Roberts	8									
N Pratt lbw Siddiq	0									
C Allinson not out	41									
G Lynch not out	44									
Extras	9									
Total (2 wks)	102									
Bowling: B Roberts 1-36, M Siddiq 1-19, M Connolly 0-17, J Beaumont 0-4, J Lowe 0-3, A Ditta 0-22										
Match abandoned, bad light										
Middlesbrough 12pts Marske 9pts.										
Great Ayton v Darlington										
GREAT AYTON										
C Batchelor not out	63									
M Wilkinson c Moody b Mulholland	12									
S Pennock not out	4									
Extras	4									
Total (1 wkt)	83									
Bowling: D Mulholland 1-41, P Raine 0-19, J Sutton 0-19										
Match abandoned, rain										
Great Ayton 6pts, Darlington 6pts										
	P	W	D	T	L	Pts				
Guisborough	14	5	9	0	0	211				
Marton	14	6	7	0	1	209				
Middlesbrough	15	6	8	0	1	208				
Hartlepool	14	6	4	0	4	192				
Bishop Auckland	14	4	6	0	4	157				
Marske	14	4	8	0	2	156				
Great Ayton	14	2	11	0	1	152				
Richmondshire	14	3	5	0	6	142				
Darlington	14	2	10	0	2	141				
Blackhall	15	4	5	0	6	137				
Normanby Hall	14	3	6	0	5	133				
Thornaby	14	4	4	0	6	132				
Northallerton	14	2	5	0	7	131				
Billingham Synthonia	14	1	6	0	7	91				

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Marton v Yarm	
MARTON	
A Morrow b Wyatt	17
A Wardell c Quinn b Wyatt	0
C Simpson lbw Wyatt	6
P Gaynon lbw Wyatt	19
M Croft c Quinn b Wyatt	11
M Gettings c Smith b Wyatt	25
R Matthews run out	16
L Harper not out	9
J Gettings b Wyatt	0
L Gettings b Crack	0
M Lovell b Crack	0
Extras	2
Total (all out)	105
Bowling: W Wyatt 7-46, P Parker 0-26, P Andrews 0-11, K Crack 2-21	
YARM	
J Weeks st Simpson b L Gettings	30
J Wilson c Simpson b Lovell	4
W Wyatt not out	32
G Quinn b J Gettings	13
C Smith lbw Wardell	8
K Crack lbw J Gettings	2
C Simpson-Daniels not out	7
Extras	11
Total (5 wks)	106
Bowling: L Harper 0-17, M Lovell 1-20, L Gettings 1-25, J Gettings 2-21, A Wardell 1-13	
Yarm won by five wickets	
Marton 3pts, Yarm 20pts	
Saltburn v Redcar	
SALTBURN	
B Devine c Abdullah b Rix	86
J Bond c Abdullah b Hood	0
K Brown b Hood	10
S Walker b Rix	39
G Wright not out	10
J Pearson not out	10
Extras	21
Total (4 wks)	176
Bowling: T Hood 2-42, J Robinson 0-29, A Pickard 0-35, P Brown 0-32, M Rix 2-22	
Match abandoned, rain	
Saltburn 10pts, Redcar 8pts	
Stokesley v Sedgfield	
STOKESLEY	
A Weighell not out	14
N Bayliss not out	6
Extras	5
Total (0 wks)	25

Normanby Hall v Barnard Castle	
BARNARD CASTLE	
T Sparrow b Shoaib	53
J Hesp c Shoaib b Robinson	37
R Borrowdale c Brown b Robinson	0
J Stanwix b Robinson	17
A Bainbridge lbw Shoaib	22
A Toulson c Rose b Robinson	2
D Coates lbw Robinson	2
M Dixon b Brown	37
J Bousfield not out	25
M Stanwix b Shoaib	4
D Stanwix not out	4
Extras	15
Total (9 wks)	218
Bowling: G Robinson 5-65, D Hussain 0-33, M Shoaib 3-79, D Brown 1-26	
NORMANBY HALL	
K Thwaites c Borrowdale b Bousfield	0
L Havelock b Borrowdale	14
M Rose b Borrowdale	1
M Shoaib c Borrowdale b Dixon	0
E Smith lbw Toulson	1
J Leech b Toulson	15
G Robinson not out	1
D Havelock b Toulson	0
D Brown c Borrowdale b Dixon	4
D Hussain c Bousfield b Dixon	0
G Phillips c and b Dixon	0
Extras	14
Total (all out)	50
Bowling: D Stanwix 0-6, J Bousfield 1-11, R Borrowdale 2-2, M Dixon 4-1, A Toulson 3-9, J Stanwix 0-7	
Barnard Castle won by 168 runs	
Normanby Hall 4pts, Barnard Castle 20pts	
Seaton Carew v Wolviston	
SEATON CAREW	
G Spence c Fish b Rowland	4
D Braithwaite b Burke	4
M Skirving b Burke	51
M Stuart b Rowland	2
J Fitzpatrick c Ward b Burke	1
D Storey b Burke	26
C Lobb c Sayers b Rowland	15
D Wilson b Rawling	26
D Thomas st Fish b Jones	22

A Cook b Rawling	3
J Henson not out	0
Extras	12
Total (all out)	166
Bowling: K Rowland 2-26, J Burke 4-51, J Jones 1-51, S Rawling 3-31	
WOLVISTON	
A Fish c Skirving b Fitzpatrick	6
D Ward c Spence b Thomas	3
M Christon lbw Thomas	10
I Brooksbank b Thomas	7
K Rowland c Skirving b Fitzpatrick	13
M Stevenson b Fitzpatrick	15
D Robinson b Storey	0
G Sayers c Henson b Storey	3
J Jones not out	12
J Burke lbw Thomas	12
S Rawling not out	2
Extras	15
Total (9 wks)	102
Bowling: J Fitzpatrick 3-41, D Thomas 4-31, D Storey 2-20	
Match Drawn	
Seaton Carew 15pts, Wolviston 6pts	
Darlington v Guisborough	
DARLINGTON	
S Lister c Hatfield b May	0
J Vickers c Hatfield b Gittins	9
C Biggin c Hatfield b May	28
S Whitehead not out	28
L Craggs not out	25
Extras	7
Total (3 wks)	97
Bowling: J May 2-35, S Turner 0-14, T Gittins 1-31, C Spencer 0-13, S Donlan 0-0	
Match abandoned, rain	
Darlington 6pts, Guisborough 7pts	
Richmondshire v Middlesbrough	
RICHMONDSHIRE	
D O'Kelly c Aninakwah b Hussain	60
M Layfield c Price b Hussain	7
M Lockey c Taylor b Hussain	0
C Layfield c and b Bell	84
A Dade c Bruton b Bell	10
C Swainston b Bell	9
M Hodgson c Evans b Taylor	19
T Dell not out	7
L Stabler b Taylor	3
V Raj not out	0
Extras	10

SATURDAY'S SCORES

NEWROC Homes Darlington and District League										
Division A:										
Cockerton 31-3 v Rockcliffe Park.										
Barningham 84-3 (C Blackburn 30, S Walker 41) v East Cowton.										
Middleton St George 148-9 (J Bainbridge 44, S Farrow 32, P Frankland 5-62, J Frankland 4-54) v Barton.										
Catterick Village 83 (R Parsons 37, M Little 4-29, D Mathias 4-19) v Aldborough St John										
All the above matches abandoned due to rain.										
Lands 255-3 (R Little 34, O Tallintyre 112no, S Linsley 34, A Elstob 41, Thompson 3-105), Eryholme 115-8 (B Howe 4-24).										
Ingleton 145-8 (P Olney 33, G Hutchinson 3-30), Middleton in Teesdale 145-9 (A Coatsworth 37, S Addison 39, R Jamieson 5-57, C Dent 4-62).										
Division B										
Middleton Tyas 125-9 (D Smith 35, K Monaghan 5-50), Spennymoor 126-7 (A Collingwood 46, A Rummell 4-46, L Morgan 3-42).										
Ingleton 93 (S Beaumont 54, B Simpson 3-25, M Riley 4-6), Cliffe 94-2 (S Clitheroe 32).										
Raby Castle 200-3 (M Wilson 91no), Brompton on Swale 134 (J Lane 31, S Collins 51, M Poole 3-35, T Hutchinson 3-18).										
Dales 152-5 (N Winter 42, T Hollingsworth 62), Barton 101 (T Thorogood 37, J Simpson 3-37, C Allison 3-6).										
Trimdon Colliery 116 (M Cundy 6-49, J Travis 3-23), Rockcliffe Park 120-7.										
Haughton v Witton le Wear - Match abandoned, no play.										
Division C										
Eryholme 31-3 v Lands - abandoned, rain.										
Barningham 174-7 (N Wright 56, J Irving 5-55), Horton 27-4 - match abandoned, rain.										
Trimdon CCA 200-5 (J Kemp 63, I Whittleford 32), Cliffe 203-8 (L Still 52, C Wrigley 39, D Earle 35no, J Tinkler 4-69, Whitton 3-44).										
Roseberry Group North East Durham League										
Division One										
Whiteleas 192-5 (S Oliver 34, O Petersen 62, A McKittrick 45), East Rainton 162 (C Sindre 68, G Barnes 4-17).										
Wearmouth 165-7 (P Lewis 38, J Stephenson 31, J Walton 30), Coundon 166-0 (W Timms 108no, S Bell 42no).										
Hunwick 107-9, Simonside 72 (R Richardson 4-19, A Cummins 4-14).										
Coxhoe 108 (A Ord 33, L Kirtley 3-5), Burnhope 111-3 (L Kirtley 34, W Thompson 43).										
Newton Aycliffe 283 (C Palmer 71, D Pattison 32, A Shetty 41, S Morgan 35, L Telford 46, R Pringle 3-43), Stanhope 118 (C Wearmouth 52, C Little 4-49).										
North Bitchburn v Haughton - match abandoned due to rain.										