

NEW kids on the block Marton and former champions Guisborough are heading for a championship showdown in the Darlington Building Society NYSD League after Middlesbrough were left out in the cold. Middlesbrough were defeated at Marton after a pulsating match watched by one of the biggest crowds attracted by the prospect of a shock result as much as the sunshine. Boro were restricted to 160-8 from their 50 overs with Liam Botham digging them out of a hole when they slumped to 83-6 halfway through their innings. He hit 76 with six fours and five sixes from 91 balls after Mo-

ammed Zahid (3-50 from 24 overs) and former player Ben Hutchinson (3-62 from 16 overs) threatened to embarrass his team. Marton stumbled in their reply before Chris Veazey (47) and Tom Hodgson (30) shared in a stand of 72 and with a little extra help from Zahid got them over the winning line with three wickets and nine balls to spare. James Beaumont (4-59) was the mainstay of the Boro attack which also featured new pro, Yasir Shah who took two wickets with his leg-spin on debut. Guisborough enjoyed one of their most comfortable victories of the year when they

were set 208 runs to win at Darlington. Their success, by six wickets, featured Graham Murray (61 with 7 boundaries) sharing a 53-run partnership with Neil Russell (53) who in turn hit 80 with Tariq Aziz (29) as his partner. Richard Dunn finished off the good work with an unbeaten 41. Russell (3-50 from 18 overs) and Paul Goodchild (3-69 from 15 overs) made the Quakers work hard for their runs with Simon Guy (63) and Dan Hodgson (43) the main achievers. Hartlepool moved to within four points of Boro when they defeated Thornaby whose

professional, Khurram Shehzad, injured his back while bowling. But visiting keeper Paul Allen achieved the unusual - removing the pads to bowl off spin for 11 overs. Coming on as seventh change he was the most successful with four wickets for 41 runs. Pool posted 201-9 with Chris Fawcett hitting 77 from 90 balls and Janaka Gunaratne hit 42 and then took three wickets for just seven runs as Thornaby were dismissed for 102 with Shehzad unable to bat. Northallerton turned their backs on relegation with their second successive victory - only their third of the season -

against Marske where Teddy Parida hit a sizzling unbeaten 98. In the same match, Jon Barnes took six wickets from 24.2 overs with 11 maidens while conceding just 40 runs. Bottom club, Billingham Synthonia took 10 points from a draw with Blackhall after Craig Symington (42 not out) played six of the last seven balls to save the day. Chris Brown, his number 11 partner who was a stand-in, played the only ball he faced with confidence. Warren Swan hit 87 to pass 500 runs for the season as the Colliery side reached 200. Nisal Randika (5-39) and Keith Hewson (4-49) were equally in

form for Synners. Six of the nine Billingham wickets to fall went to Farrukh Iqbal. Another century - his third - for Gary Pratt took him to 631 runs for the season and gave Bishop Auckland a third successive win. They beat Normanby Hall by six wickets with Pratt's unbeaten 116 coming from 138 balls with 16 fours and a six. Meanwhile rain at Richmond chopped ten overs from the home side's innings against Great Ayton (207-7) and they were left 25 runs short at the close. Riaz Afridi made 50 and then took 4-81 to become the first to land 50 wickets again.

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Table with 2 columns: Team/Player and Score. Includes Billingham Synthonia v Blackhall, Marton v Middlebrough, and Marske v Northallerton.

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Table with 2 columns: Team/Player and Score. Includes Normanby Hall v Bishop Auckland, Normanby Hall 6 pts. Bishop Auckland 20 pts, and Bishop Auckland won by 6 wickets.

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DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NYSD PREMIER LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Table with 2 columns: Team/Player and Score. Includes Guisborough v Marton, Seaton Carew v Barnard Castle, and Seaton Carew won by 35 runs.

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Table with 2 columns: Team/Player and Score. Includes Redcar v Stokesley, Redcar 14 pts. Saltburn 9 pts, and Redcar won by 6 wickets.

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