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SPECIAL DAY FOR THURLEIGH CRICKET CLUB





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• Thurleigh Cricket Club captain Richard Foot missed the big day at Burton Latimer II.

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GOING UP AS CHAMPIONS



• Thurleigh Cricket Club have just won the Northamptonshire Cricket League Division Five.

MATCH REPORT

It was a day of firsts for Thurleigh in their Division Five match at Burton Latimer on 21st September.

Firstly, acting captain Chris Wood admitted he had never come off before for thunder and lightning.

Thurleigh secretary Clive Franklin then stated he had never come face-to-face with the Duckworth Lewis formula to determine the result of disrupted matches.

Then after all the drama, it was confirmed that Thurleigh had won their first Northamptonshire League title.

The first part of the dramatics had started the previous week when Thurleigh defeated Kettering Town II at home to secure promotion to Division Four. However, the Yellow Caps were determined to go up as champions and knew they had to win to be certain.

A Thurleigh setback would have given the other promoted side New Bradwell, who were

at lowly Raunds Town, the chance to claim the title. After the results on the previous Saturday, third placed Burton Latumer II had nothing to play for but their pride meant Thurleigh were going to have a tough game especially after the hosts made a solid start and were in a reasonable position when play was suspended for thunder and lightning.

The Duckworth Lewis Theory, now known as Duckworth Lewis Stern Theory, came into play when a second interruption occurred for torrential rain.

As background, Frank Duckworth and Tony Lewis retired in 2014 but their work has been carried on by Professor Stern - not to be confused with Thurleigh all-rounder Professor Stean.

As a result of the stoppages, Burton Latimer's innings was reduced from 45 overs to 43 and they made 187-9. Due to fading light, Thurleigh's innings was reduced to a minimum of 20 overs and a revised target of 116. Thurleigh won by nine wickets to be champions.



All-rounder Rob Pryor bowling for Thurleigh against Burton Latimer II.

MATCH REPORT

The key point of Thurleigh's final match of the 2024 season was that they defeated Burton Latimer II by nine wickets to lift the Northamptonshire League Division Five title.

The reality though was that it was a nervewracking afternoon partly because of the thunderstorms which threatened to abandon the game.

If this had been the case, then Thurleigh's nearest rivals New Bradwell would have been able to claim the title with a win at nearby Raunds Town.

New Bradwell managed to gain their victory by 40 runs by posting 233-9 against a plucky Raunds Town side, who were bowled out for 193.

It was uncertain how Burton Latimer II would approach the game, especially as their promotion hopes had disappeared the previous week.

After winning the toss and deciding to bat, Burton Latimer II made a solid start with the two openers Alan Sewell and Scott Sanders putting on 50 for the first wicket.

The duo were then dismissed without any further addition to the score with Rob Pryor and Brody Willerton taking the wickets. This gave Thurleigh the upper hand and the situation was further improved when the hosts lost another wicket with the score on 65. A half-century from Alistair McClure steered to Burton Latimer II to a strong position at 145-4.

The weather then started to decline with the players having to come off due to thunder and lightning.

After a further stoppage because of a heavy shower, Thurleigh were able to take the upper with some fine bowling from Willerton, who took 3-21, and Burton Latimer II crawled to 187-9 from a reduced 43 overs. The other notable performance came from Sam Richardson, who took 3-43.

After another lengthy stoppage, Thurleigh were informed that the match would be reduced to its minimum length of 20 overs with a revised target of 116 for victory.

The required positive reply by Thurleigh was achieved with opener Richardson being prepared to play a quick-fire innings.

The youngster fell for 16 with the score on 24 but the visitors were able to keep up the momentum through acting captain Chris Wood and Rob Pryor.



• A play and a miss. The Burton Latimer II batsmen found the Thurleigh attack too hot to handle.

The pair steered Thurleigh to victory with over five overs to spare with Wood unbeaten on 54 while Pryor was 40 not out.



• The Thurleigh fielding was sharp against Burton Latimer II.

SEASON REPORT

For Thurleigh, entering the Northamptonshire League and its vast number of divisions, was a trip into the unknown.

League organisers had to place them into a suitable division noting that the Premier Division was one of the strongest in the country while at the other end of the scale Division 15, the Yellow Caps would have steam-rollered the opposition.

To be fair, Division Five was a good starting point and provided some interesting trips out to the borders of Leicestershire and Warwickshire while there were a number of matches closer to home.

There was some trepidation as Thurleigh approached their opening match in the competition, a home clash against Bugbrooke.

Thurleigh lost the toss and were inserted on an April pitch and soon lost vice-captain Chris Wood for six.

Captain Richard Foot and Rob Pryor held the innings together while an explosive unbeaten 59 from Sam Richardson steered Thurleigh to 232-7.



 Daniel Johnson batting against Willoughby in August. Bugbrooke put up a fight with middle order batter Ben Tompkins making 52 but the visitors fell short on 200 with Pryor taking 4-37.

It was an excellent start and it soon became clear that Thurleigh would be battling towards the top of the table.

However, there was another newcomer in the Division that had also moved over from the Four Counties League.

This was New Bradwell and they also hit the ground running and were at the top of the table for a long period of the campaign.

The two sides faced each other in early June and unfortunately Thurleigh crumbled to 78 all out to hand New Bradwell a 10-wicket victory.

This, though was only a minor blip for the Keysoe Road side while New Bradwell suffered two defeats at the end of August and beginning of September against Kettering Town II and Burton Latimer II to allow Thurleigh to build up a narrow advantage at the top of the table.

Thurleigh were becoming clinical in their performances and this was evident when they dismissed struggling Geddington II in early September for 56 to set up an eightwicket victory and enable a push to claim the Division Five title.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LEAGUE 2024 DIVISION FIVE

Р	W	0	L	BP	Pts
Thurleigh22	17	2	3	13	365
New Bradwell22	16	2	4	24	356
Burton Latimer II22	13	2	7	43	317
MK Air22	11	5	6	34	302
Bugbrooke22	11	2	9	51	283
Kettering Town II22	11	2	9	49	281
Long Buckby22	11	3	8	40	280
Willoughby22	8	3	11	57	235
Loddington Mawsley II22	7	2	13	50	202
Raunds Town22	7	2	13	51	185
Overstone III22	2	5	15	56	126
Geddington II22	2	2	20	62	68

DUCKWORTH LEWIS STERN

The essence of the D/L method is 'resources'. Each team is taken to have two 'resources' to use to score as many runs as possible: the number of overs they have to receive; and the number of wickets they have in hand.

At any point in any innings, a team's ability to score more runs depends on the combination of these two resources they have left. Looking at historical scores, there is a very close correspondence between the availability of these resources and a team's final score, a correspondence which D/L exploits.

A published table of resource remaining percentages, for all combinations of wickets lost and whole overs left.

The D/L method converts all possible combinations of overs (or, more accurately, balls) and wickets left into a combined resources remaining percentage figure (with 50 overs and 10 wickets = 100%), and these are all stored in a published table or computer.

The target score for the team batting second ('Team 2') can be adjusted up or down from the total the team batting first ('Team 1') achieved using these resource percentages, to reflect the loss of resources to one or both teams when a match is shortened one or more times.

To calculate a fair target for Team 2 to achieve, the Duckworth Lewis Stern uses the following equation.

Team 2's Par Score = Team 1's Score x (Team 2's Resources/Team 1's Resources).

The par score is rounded up to the nearest integer to get the target Team 2 needs to win the match.

A special calculator was used for the Burton Latimer II game and gave the target for Thurleigh to win as 116.

It can also be calculated manually but one would need the number of overs remaining in the Burton Latimer innings when the

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	99.1	92.0	845	74.4	62.5	48.8	34.8	22.0	31.9	4.7
	98.1	91.7	81.8	74.8	\$2.2	48.8	34.9	22.0	11.9	4.7
	17.1	92.9	88.2	71.5	61.9	48.6	34.9	32.0	11.0	.47
46	96.1	90.0	82.5	71.0	#14	48.5	34.8	22.0	11.9	4.7
45	95.0	883	81.8	72.5	613	48.4	343	22.0	11.9	47
	38.9	88.2	81.0	72.0	61.0	48.3	24.8	31.0	31.0	4.7
-	12.8	17.3	80.3	714	607	46.1	14.7	32.0	11.9	47
-	81.7	86.3	79.5	70.9	80.3	47.9	34.7	32.0	31.9	4.7
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	26.7	39.2	68.6	62.8	54.8	#5.1	11.7	21.0	11.0	4.7
10	75.1	71.8	67.3	61.6	54.1	44.7	334	21.8	11.9	4.7
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•	71.8	64.4	64.8	59.5	52.6	43.8	33.2	22.8	35.9	47
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	64.5	65.6	62.0	57.2	50.9	42.8	12.8	21.7	31.9	4.7
	66.5	16.9	60.5	54.0	50.6	42.2	32.6	25.8	33.9	47
	64.6	40.2	58.0	\$47	49.0	41.8	82.3	11.8	11.9	4.7
	627	60.4	57.4	13.4	48.0	40.9	52.0	21.5	11.0	47
	60.7	58.6	55.8	52.0	47.0	40.2	11.0	21.4	11.9	47
1	36.7	56.7	54.1	50.6	45.8	38.4	31.2	21.3	11.9	47
6	56.6	54.8	52.4	49.1	-84.5	38.6	30.6	21.2	11.9	47
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	42.7	41.7	40.4	18.5	15.9	10.2	27.0	18.0	31.8	4.7
	80.3	19.1	18.3	14.5	84.2	10.8	26.1	185	11.7	4.7
	37.6	36.8	25.8	34.3	82.8	29.4	25.3	128.0	11.6	4.7
Ε.	84.9	84.2	82.4	12.1	80.4	27.6	24.0	18.5	31.5	47
	82.1	11.6	30.8	29.8	28.3	26.5	22.8	17.9	31.4	4.7
	203	28.0	28.2	22.4	26.5	24.2	21.4	17.1	11.2	47
	26.4	26.0	-25.5	34.8	21.8	32.8	19.9	38.J	18.9	4.7
	25.4	213	22.7	22.2	21.4	201	18.3	252	10.5	47
	20.3	361	18.8	19.4	18.8	17.8	16.4	18.0	- 101	4.8
	172	17.0	16.8	163	181	154	14.3	125	3.4	4.8
	- 13.0	13.8	10.7	135	11.2	13.7	12.9	10.7	8.4	45
	18.6	103	10.4	10.3	10.2	10	9.5	17	7.2	43
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interruption occurred that caused the match to be initially reduced to 43 overs.

A further issue is that the manual charts are for 50 overs so would have to be modified for a 45-over game.



BRODY WILLERTON













This page shows quick bowler Brody Willerton, bottom left, bowling Burton Latimer II captain Luke Styman for ten runs.

As can be seen, it was rather an expansive shot by Styman.

With a big swoosh, Styman missed the ball, which went on to hit his off-stump. Certainly a key wicket for Brody at a time when Burton Latimer were going for quick runs after a number of weather interruptions.

BRODY WILLERTON





The picture above shows Burton Latimer II lower-order batsman Nathan Joshi take a swipe at Thurleigh's Brody Willerton - well one of his balls.

It was not the best of shots from Joshi as he struck it

straight at acting captain Chris Wood, who showed again he has a safe pair of hands.

It was a lively performance again from Willerton, who certainly played his part in restricting the hosts to a modest total of 187-9 by taking 3-21 from his nine overs, that included three maidens.

Throughout the season, Willerton has played with plenty of heart for Thurleigh with both bat and ball.

SAM RICHARDSON









Sam Richardson is a potential who could play at a decent level of league cricket and hopefully that will be with Thurleigh for many years to come.

Richardson showed plenty of character against Burton Latimer II, especially when they were looking for quick runs.

The youngster kept his nerve in the onslaught to take wickets at key times and deserved his three scalps on an important day for the club.

SAM RICHARDSON















Although Sam Richardson has been at Thurleigh for a few years, he is actually the 'find of the season'.

It was already well known that he could bowl with some pace but it is his batting that has now caught the eye.

A brave decision was made during the summer to promote the youngster to the opening position.

Richardson took the opportunity with relish and even his short stay at the crease against Burton Latimer II was crucial as he ensured the Thurleigh reply started with a flourish.

CHRIS WOOD



For the two most important games of the 2024 summer, the captaincy was handed to the experienced campaigner and opening batsman Chris Wood in the absence of regular skipper Richard Foot.

Wood's first task in the final two fixtures was to plot a win against a strong Kettering Town II outfit.

After losing the toss, Wood was determined to make the visitors to Keysoe Road pay for their decision. In a stand of 150 for the first wicket with Sam Richardson, Wood made a defiant halfcentury as Thurleigh posted an impressive score of 291-4.

With such a big score to defend, Wood was able to apply the squeeze on the opposition.

As a result, Kettering Town II crumbled to 184 all out to give Thurleigh a 107-run victory, enough to give the Yellow Caps promotion. Wood was again in charge for the final game of the season, knowing Thurleigh had to win to be certain of claiming the title.

With a scenario of irritating thunderstorms and heavy rain, Wood's task was far from straightforward but he kept his nerve.

It was fitting that Wood was at the crease when the winning runs were scored.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

CHRIS WOOD











Chris Wood is a cool customer and he certainly kept his calm throughout the day against Burton Latimer II especially when he lost the toss for the second consecutive week.

With all the interruptions, it was tough for Wood but he knew there was a chance for victory when Thurleigh were set 116 from 20 overs.

Treating it as a midweek innings, Wood hit a half-century to steer his side home with over five overs to spare.

ANDY MILNE



A reason for Thurleigh's success in 2024 is that they had a balanced side.

A varied bowling attack, a strong top order while Andy Milne was a lynchpin in an explosive middle order. Many bowling attacks have feared him over the years and he has continued his big hitting with Bedfordshire Over-50s smashing 131 against Lincolnshire.

There was also an impressive knock against a strong Yorkshire Over-50s where he managed 80, a knock that included seven sixes and four fours. And in the Northamptonshire League, Milne showed his class with a top score of 110 in the home clash against Burton Latimer II. But in the final match of the season against Burton Latimer II, Milne's bowling skills were required and he did not disappoint with figures of 1-9 from two overs.

ROB PRYOR











Thurleigh faced a tricky target to secure the Northamptonshire League Division Five title, especially in fading light.

Even though the Yellow Caps got off to a strong start, there was still work to do.

Along with acting captain Chris Wood, Rob Pryor provided the stability with some sensible batting, knowing when to be cautious then attacking at the right moment to ensure, in the end, a comfortable win.

HISTORIC DAY FOR THURLEIGH CRICKET CLUB FIRST GAME IN THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LEAGUE



Thurleigh Cricket Club's first match in the Northamptonshire League also marked the debut at Keysoe Road of a digital scoring system. Supporters can now keep up to date with the score on the League website. Scorer Clive Franklin is pictured with umpire Tony Hancox. The picture on the right shows Thurleigh openers Chris Wood, left, and captain Richard Foot on this memorable day.





HISTORIC DAY FOR THURLEIGH CRICKET CLUB FIRST GAME IN THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LEAGUE



Thurleigh marked their first game in the Northamptonshire League Division Five with a 32-run victory over Bugbrooke.

New captain Richard Foot lost the toss and Thurleigh were put into bat.

According to the scorebook, Foot faced Thurleigh's first ball in this competition - top left picture. A record he will not want to be reminded about, Chris Wood was the first Yellow Cap wicket to fall in the Northants League.

Foot made the first half century and went on to make 69 as Thurleigh posted 232-7.

University student Sam Richardson held the innings together at the death with an unbeaten 59. And keeping up the 'first' theme, Rob Pryor took the opening Thurleigh wicket in the Bugbrooke reply dismissing Chris Goodson.

Bugbrooke threatened with Ben Tompkins hitting 52 before being removed by Pryor, who took 4-37 from his 9.4 overs while Brody Willerton took 2-30 as the visitors made 200.

SATURDAY 27th APRIL

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING

RANK	PLAYER	GAMES	INNS	NOT OUTS	RUNS	HIGH SCORE	AVG -	50s	100s	STRIKE RATE
1	Rob Pryor	17	16	6	503	65	50.30	2	0	72.55
2	Chris Wood	19	19	2	776	97	45.65	10	0	85.01
3	Andy Milne	16	14	4	444	110	44.40	3	1	112.39
4	Sam Richardson	16	14	1	468	av	36.00	4	0	107.69
5	Richard Foot	10	9	1	256	105*	32.00	5	з	62.35
6	Akshat Singh	6	5	1	108	63*	27.00	з.	0	114.29
7	Robert Stean	19	14	75	169	32*	24,14	0	0	96.02
8	Alastair Bailey	3	1	0	21	21	21.00	0	0	47.73
9	Samer Safi	17	1	2	20	13*	20.00	0	0	100.00
10	Ricky Milne	20	15	2	240	48	18,46	0	0	61.78

BOWLING

RANK	PLAYER	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	BEST BOWLING	5 WICKET HAUL	ECONOMY RATE	STRIKE RATE	AVERAGE
1	Andy Milne	10	0	47	5	3/15	0	4.70	12.00	9.40
2	Ricky Milne	11	2	58	5	2/4	0	5.27	13.20	11.60
3	Aaryan Berry	11.4	2	64	5	342	0	5,49	14.00	12.80
4	Robert Stean	5.5	0	52	4	38	0	8.91	6.75	13.00
5	Afzaal Afridi	18	1:	67	5	3/25	0	1.72	21.60	13.40
6	Brody Willerton	147.2	24	504	37	5/32	2	3.42	23.89	13.62
7	Rob Pryor	141.4	24	492	31	5/25	а.	3.47	27.42	15.87
8	Akshat Singh	27	0	102	6	3/18	0	4.55	21.00	17,00
9	Sareer Safi	34.4	ŧ.	222	13	513	ा	6.40	16.00	17.08
10	Sam Richardson	101.2	36	475	26	4/27	0	4.69	23.38	18.27

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DAILY GRUNCH TEST MATCH Thurleigh 60-2 beat Geddington II 56 by 8 wickets







Thurleigh's promising fast bowler Sam Richardson sparked a dramatic collapse by Geddington II, who had made a steady start in this Northamptonshire League Division Five clash.

The top pictures show Richardson bowling Geddington II opener Ned Wilson for 11 with the score on 16. Geddington II were then bowled out for 56 to set up Thurleigh's eightwicket win.

The other pictures show Thurleigh celebrating and Richardson's bowling style, right.



THE SAM RICHARDSON PAGE

2ND XI ROUND-UP

Glancing at the Bedfordshire Invitation League Division Two table, you could come to the conclusion that Thurleigh II had a disappointing season.

True, they finished bottom with only two wins from their 12 matches along with nine defeats.

Not a great record but on this occasion, it does not tell the whole story. The truth is that many of their games were nail-biting affairs.

Although Thurleigh II were on the wrong end of the narrow result on a number of occasions, the home clash against Houghton Regis side Road Runners went in their favour.

This was when captain Lee Slocombe carried his bat throughout the Thurleigh II innings of 187-6 for an unbeaten 97. Rumour had it that the skipper was determined not to reach his century. Was it to avoid buying a celebratory round or two?

It looked as if this was a winning total but Road Runners battled bravely towards their target. Despite a solid 51 from Rob Oakes, the visitors were bowled out two short with Thurleigh II's Tom Wallace taking 3-31 from his eight overs. The return match in south Bedfordshire was equally as thrilling but this time Road Runners clinched a four-run victory over Thurleigh II.

Saran Sathyan and Nishant Parekh both took two wickets each as Road Runners posted 190-9 while in reply Thurleigh replied with 186.

Defeat certainly looked on the cards at 173-9 but the last pair of Aidan Moore and Clive Franklin nearly pulled off the impossible.

However, the most bizarre result came at Riseley when Thurleigh II were skittled out for 67.

The card did not make for pleasant reading although Saran Sathyan top scored with 22.

At tea, the result looked a foregone conclusion but Thurleigh II managed to dismiss captain Sam Bennett for a duck.

Mitch Crook and Joe Bennett appeared to be steering the hosts to a very comfortable win.

However both batsmen were dismissed in quick succession to spark a dramatic collapse but Riseley were able to crawl over the line with one wicket remaining.



• Thurleigh II opening batsman Lee Slocombe.

2ND XI ROUND-UP

On this page, Tom Wallace, below, is bowling in a Thurleigh II Bedfordshire Invitation League match against Road Runners.

On the right, wicketkeeper Alastair Bailey is bagtting against Riseley in a BIL Twenty-20 game against Riseley.





BEDS INVITATION LEAGUE 2024 DIVISION TWO

	Ρ	W	0	L	BP	Pts
Ampthill Town	12	8	3	1	40	260
Clifton	12	5	3	4	53	213
Lidlington	12	4	4	4	31	186
Road Runners	12	2	3	7	42	157
Riseley	12	5	3	4	63	148
Harrold	12	5	2	5	32	117
Thurleigh	12	2	1	9	57	112

2ND XI AVERAGES

BATTING

	Average	Runs	Best
Lee Slocombe	29.82	328	97*
Umar Mughal	29.67	259	53
Clive Franklin	24.50	49	18
Alastair Bailey	22.00	242	66*
Nishant Parekh	21.58	259	72
Dominic L-Krishna	21.44	193	56
Saran Sathyan	16.60	166	34*
Julian Krishna	13.25	53	22
Bhavik Bhagdev	12.60	63	45
Rhythm Joshi	10.00	20	16*
Oliver Bailey	9.75	39	13*
Ben Prior	9.13	73	43
Ryan Two	8.25	33	33
Ben Bailey	6.38	51	21
llesh Patel	3.38	27	14
Aidan Moore	2.60	13	6
Mohammed Lebbe	2.33	7	7

	Average	Wicket	s Bes t
Umar Mughal	10.60	5	3-0
Rhythm Joshi	12.11	9	3-10
Tom Wallace	16.75	4	3-31
Clive Franklin	18.00	7	3-18
Ben Bailey	21.91	11	3-40
Oliver Bailey	22.92	13	4-31
Saran Sathyan	24.93	14	3-5
Mohamed Lebbe	26.67	3	3-26
Nishant Parekh	28.67	6	3-38
Ben Pryor	29.00	6	4-15
Aidan Moore	29.86	7	3-42
#llesh Patel	31.43	7	2-12

BOWLING

Bedfordshire Invitation League

FOCUS ON BBC WEATHER - THURLEIGH



Thurleigh Cricket Club was featured on BBC Breakfast's Weather Watch slot on Thursday 2nd May. The picture was taken by Weather Watcher Franco Groundsman.

Picture: BBC Television

BBC WEATHER CELEBRITIES





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CAROL KIRKWOOD

MICHAEL FISH

Thurleigh Cricket Club's 'Franco Groundsman' is the latest in a long line of BBC Television weather experts.

Franco provided the picture of the weather at Thurleigh on the morning of Thursday 2nd May, that was shown on BBC Breakfast. Shown at the top of this page, it was clearly a misty scene at the Cricket Club in Keysoe Road.

"The weather is very important in cricket so I keep a close eye on it," said Franco.



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Above: Umpire Daniel Johnson was the Thurleigh umpire for the key clash at Burton Latimer II and dealt with all the challenges of a storm and Duckworth Lewis Stern. Below: Thurleigh celebrate the fall of another Burton Latimer II wicket.



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