

The early rounds of both competitions have been helped by fine weather. i.e. no rain postponed matches.

In the Sovereign Trophy, last years winners, the Elliott Davis London Cricket League, are looking the favourites as we reach the semi-final stage. They play the NCL (National Cricket League) at Harold Wood CC next Wednesday 4th July. The NCL have scored the largest total so far ; 360/9 in their Round 1 match v the Essex Sunday League. The other semi final, at Kidmore End CC, will see the Thames Valley Cricket League v the Caribbean Cup Competition XI, with the Thames Valley CL seeking to over-turn the result of the 2016 semi final between these 2 teams. Shane Barwick of the Mid-Essex Cricket League has so far scored the only century ; 111* v the Kent CL Divs 3-5 team, in Round 1. Ragu Varman of the BTCL (British Tamils Cricket League) has been the only bowler so far to take 5 wickets in a match ; 5/18 v the Essex County Cricket League, also in a Round 1 match. - progress of the competition is here: http://www.club-cricket.co.uk/sovereign_trophy

The biggest up-set so far in The Conference Cup for the Bertie Joel Trophy was the defeat of Brentwood by Hoddesdon in Round 2. To a certain extent, the draws have been favourable to the 'big-guns', with Sunbury v Blackheath in Round 2 being the 'toughest' ; Curtis Higgins taking a hat-trick for Sunbury in their win. Elsewhere in Round 2, Richard Oliver scored 153* for Reigate Priory in their 10 wicket win over Waltham, and Steven Reingold scored 152* for Stanmore in their 142 run win over West Indies United. Round 3 matches see Stanmore v Wanstead this coming Sunday 1st July, The other Round 3 matches are being played on Sunday 8th July, with some being Sunbury travelling to Bromley, Ealing going to Hornchurch, and Reigate Priory hosting Bexley seeking to over-turn their loss to Bexley last year. - progress of the competition is here: http://www.club-cricket.co.uk/conference_cup