



County Championship: Yorkshire romp to Cadet title

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Halifax County debutant Ben Fillingham travelled to Wellingborough with the Yorkshire team of Shayan Siraj of Leeds and the Hull trio of Harry Dai, Gauri Duhan and Jasmin Wong and the team were head and shoulders above all the other counties and led from start to finish.

Yorkshire played three matches on Saturday, commencing with 9-1 wins over Kent and Glamorgan and ending with a resounding 10-0 thumping of Essex to end the day top of the table on sets over Hampshire, who also had three wins

The two leading counties were due to face each other in the last match and started Sunday in the same fashion as the previous day as Yorkshire beat Cambridgeshire 10-0 and Hampshire defeated Sussex 9-1. But as the Yorkshire juggernaut continued, their south coast rivals' title hopes began to fade.

In the second round of Sunday matches Yorkshire beat Lancashire 8-2 but with Hampshire drawing with Glamorgan there looked to be daylight appearing between the counties and in the penultimate round of matches whilst Yorkshire scored an emphatic whitewash over Sussex, Hampshire drew another match as Kent held their fellow south coast team.

This second draw by Hampshire ended their title chances as they were now two points behind Yorkshire and even a 10-0 win over Yorkshire would have seen Yorkshire take the title, such was their superiority,

With the weekend performance of Yorkshire there was never going to be any chance of them easing off as they finished with an 8-2 win over their nearest rivals to complete the division with a perfect record of seven wins and only dropping six sets over the whole campaign.

Hampshire claimed the runners-up spot by virtue of a superior sets advantage over Kent and Glamorgan, with all three county teams completing their fixtures four points adrift of champions Yorkshire on 10 points. However, Hampshire had a three sets advantage over Kent, with Glamorgan a further set behind in fourth.

With three teams being relegated in this ever competitive division we say goodbye to two teams who were promoted last year in Cambridgeshire and Essex, as well as former champions Sussex, who drew their first match against Cambridgeshire but after that were unable to pick up another point, finishing the weekend with a 6-4 defeat to Essex by which time both teams were already doomed.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yorkshire	7	7	0	0	64	6	14
Hampshire	7	4	2	1	44	26	10
Kent	7	4	2	1	41	29	10
Glamorgan	7	4	2	1	40	30	10
Lancashire	7	3	0	4	29	41	6
Cambridgeshire	7	1	1	5	22	48	3
Essex	7	1	0	6	24	46	2
Sussex	7	0	1	6	17	53	1

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