

## IN BRIEF

## Experienced pair battle for top spot

Cream rose to the top as two players with considerable European Tour experience took the top two places in the PGA East Region Championship at Nazeing. Robert Coles of



Maylands ended 11 under par to beat Mark Davis of Thorndon Park by one shot after a neck and neck second round. Ian Ellis of Weston Park, *above*, led the Norfolk challenge on four under par. He was only two shots off the lead after the first round but his second round 71, one under par, saw him drop down the leaderboard. Paul Mayoh of King's Lynn and Ryan Pudney of Royal Cromer were three under par for the tournament with Andrew Collison of Bungay two under thanks to a second round of 67.

## Course is a winner as well as Norfolk

Norfolk's seniors beat their Leicestershire counterparts 13-5 in a friendly match at The Norfolk. The course was much praised by both sides for its condition and the way it had stood up to days of heavy rain. The teams played greensomes in the morning followed by fourball betterball matches.

**Norfolk results:** Graham Head (The Norfolk) and Geoff Paton (Sheringham) won both matches. Terry Norman and John Symons (Gt Yarmouth & Caister) lost both. Tom Duke (Sheringham) and Bill Neill (Swaffham) won both. Gordon Smith and Les Varney (The Norfolk) won both. Malcolm Carr (Sheringham) and Richard Fletcher (Hunstanton) halved both. Mike Pearson (Hunstanton) and David Harrison (Hunstanton) halved in the morning and won in the afternoon.

## Beeson triumphs in tense play-off

Will Beeson won a three-hole sudden death play-off to capture his fifth club championship title at Hunstanton. He went head to head with Steven Dickinson after both tied on 150 (76,74) at the end of regulation play in the Crystal Chalice. They halved the first in birdies and the 18th in par before Beeson again birdied the first to win the title. Gordon Carter won the handicap prize with a net 143, and 16-year-old Anton Neal took the under-25 prize with a pair of creditable 77s. The following day Carole Harrison won the Sherlock Cup with a very impressive 34 points in dreadful conditions. William Coker was second with 32 points.

## GOLF

## Phillips leads way for county

Four Norfolk youngsters went to the top of the class after they swept the honours at the South East of England Schools' Championship at Rookery Park.

James Phillips of Thetford was the individual winner, grabbing the title by one shot.

He also joined with Kit Holmes (King's Lynn), Dean Parker (Costessey Park) and Chris Paton (Costessey Park) to snatch the team prize from Suffolk.

Phillips, Holmes and Parker have all qualified for the South East team for the national schools' championship at Walsall later this month. They won their places by finishing in the top 10 in the competition. Paton, who was 12th, is the second reserve.

"It was a fantastic result," said David Horsburgh of the Norfolk Schools' Golf Association. "We are extremely pleased - to say the least."

Phillips played superbly to win the

individual event. The five-handicapper shot level par 72 and followed up with 77 for a one stroke win over scratch golfer Scott Brace of Stoke by Nayland. His brother, Liam Brace, who plays off plus-one was in third place.

In the team event Norfolk claimed the title on countback from Suffolk - and all four boys contributed to the win. The two teams were tied by the totals of their best three scores and the competition was decided by the results of the fourth player. Paton was five shots clear of his counterpart.

**Norfolk results:** 1st 149 James Phillips (Thetford) 72, 77, 5th 157 Kit Holmes (King's Lynn) 80, 77, 7th 158 Dean Parker (Costessey Park) 79, 79, 12th 162 Chris Paton (Costessey Park) 82, 80.

Norfolk schools' girls champion Emma Davies (Eaton) was sixth on countback in the girls' event. The seven handicapper scored 87, 81 against a par of 74.



TOP OF THE CLASS: The Norfolk quartet who performed with distinction at Rookery Park, left to right, James Phillips, Dean Parker, Chris Payton and Kit Holmes.

## Chase's delight as hot streak continues

By LYNDSEY HEWISON

Norfolk's number one Chase Davis continued to dominate the local amateur scene with a win in the first Order of Merit event of the season.

The Costessey Park player returned a level par 72 at Weston Park to finish one shot clear of the field.

The result continues a fine run for Davis in county events. He won the 2006 Order of Merit, which is sponsored by the Alan Boswell insurance group, and followed up with victory in the Norfolk matchplay championship. This title is contested by the leading 16 players in the table.

"I'm starting off as I mean to go on," said Davis, who is already looking forward to the next Order of Merit event at Bawburgh on Sunday. "I like that course," he remarked, rather ominously for the opposition.

At Weston Park he started slowly, dropping three shots on the outward holes, but came home in a blistering three-under 33.

He was helped by a practice session at Costessey before his round in which he checked the distances he was hitting his short clubs, from his nine iron down.

His preparation paid off when

## FACT-FILE

72 Chase Davis (Costessey Park).  
73 Nick Paling (Royal Norwich). Tom Robinson (Royal Norwich).  
74 James Palmer (Royal Norwich), Stuart Ballingall (Dunston Hall); Stephen Chick (Dunston Hall).  
75 Simon Peckford (Thetford).  
76 Martin O'Brien (Eaton); Julian Tayt (Costessey Park).  
77 Mark Coleman (King's Lynn); Alex Beckett (Costessey Park); Shaun Brady (Royal Norwich); Austin Brydon (Royal Norwich).  
**Starting times for Sunday's order of merit event at Bawburgh:**  
12.04 A Beckett, N Traube, S Tidy, 12.12 G Stangoe, T Robinson, J Tayt, 12.20 S Chick, C Davis, T Hewkin, 12.28 S Ballingall, K Pratt, J Palmer, 12.36 S Dunsire, P Ellingham, M Bacon, 12.44 W Harrold, S Brady, C Thurston, 12.52 M King, S Barnes, C Butler, 1.00 S Peckford, B McQuade, L Plume, 1.08 J Conway, J Garbutt.

he considered his second shot to the par four 15th. As Davis worked out the yardages he knew exactly which club to take. "I had 95 yards to go and I know I hit my gap wedge 99. I hit it in to 2ft and holed the putt."

He also had birdies on the long 13th, where he was pin high in two; and on the par five 18th, where he was on in two.

"I was a little surprised to win because I thought level par might not be quite good enough," said Davis. "There were a lot of good players in the field."

Picture: NICK BUTCHER



MAN TO BEAT: Costessey Park's Chase Davis won the first Norfolk Order of Merit event of the season.

## Marshall three over in Wales

Andrew Marshall's bid to make only his second cut in seven European Tour events got off to disappointing start in the Celtic Manor Wales Open yesterday.

Seeking to bounce back after quickly falling by the wayside in the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, the Norfolk professional finished well done the field after opening up with a three over par 72.

Marshall started poorly in the testing, blustery conditions and was three over at the turn. But he held things together well after that, stringing together seven straight pars before a bogey/birdie finish maintained the status quo.

The improvement left the Dereham player with a chance of making the cut, but he will need an improved round today if he is going to be around Newport over the coming weekend.

At the close of yesterday's play nine players shared the lead with a four under par round of 65.

Paul Broadhurst was among a contingent of four British players to occupy the top slot, which included Scottish trio Paul Lawrie, Steven O'Hara and Gary Orr.

## CLUB GOLF ROUND-UP

**NLGA League**  
**Division One**  
**Eaton beat Thetford 6-1:** Miss E Lowery-Gold beat Mrs E Robinson 5 and 4, Mrs E Zandvoort beat Mrs H Clarke 5 and 4, Miss S Wybar beat Mrs J Cane 1 up, Mrs C Gillham lost to Mrs P Hudson 3 and 2, Mrs J Innes beat Mrs J Warton 6 and 5, Mrs A Stanley beat Mrs A Braybrooke 3 and 1, Mrs R Bates beat Mrs M Horsburgh 5 and 3.  
**Royal Cromer beat Royal Norwich 6-1:** Mrs T Williamson beat Miss S Martin 5 and 4, Mrs S Stevenon beat Mrs S Lines 4 and 3, Mrs M McRae lost to Mrs S Heeles 4 and 3, Mrs G Ley beat Mrs J Redgment 2 and 1, Mrs W Stuart beat Mrs P Wimmer 5 and 4, Mrs J Smith beat Mrs J Plich 5 and 3, Mrs B Rossi beat Mrs D Harris 7 and 5.  
**Division Two**  
**Sproston Manor beat Sheringham 5-2:** Miss R Shubrook beat Mrs B Royce 2 and 1, Mrs A Denholm beat Mrs M Arnold 2 and 1, Mrs C Valori lost to Mrs S Wynne 1 down, Mrs K Black beat Mrs A Hill 6 and 4, Ms M Wincup beat Mrs S Rump 3 and 1, Mrs J Drew lost to Mrs C Jeffreys 1 down, Mrs S Hamilton beat 1 up.

Barnham Broom beat Bawburgh 5-2: Mrs J Ashmore beat J Gower 4 and 3, Mrs D Addison beat Mrs S Jones 5 and 4, Miss B Brooks-Cooper lost to Mrs B Mace 3 and 2, Mrs J Woollam lost to Mrs J Barnard 3 and 2, Mrs J Carpenter beat T Reynolds 2 and 1, Mrs D Large beat Mrs B Wardley 7 and 6, Mrs T Aitkens w/o.  
**Division Three**  
**Hunstanton beat Dereham 6.5-0.5:** Miss C Sanders beat Mrs C Harrison 1 up, Mrs G Preston beat Mrs H Burrage 9 and 8, Mrs R Beeson beat Mrs E Bench 5 and 4, Miss F Anderson beat Mrs J Bizley 3 and 2, Mrs F Pedel beat Mrs M Barnes 1 up, Mrs V Hunt halved with Mrs M Wingate, Mrs C Wilson beat Mrs J Trudgill 3 and 2.  
**Royal Norwich II 3 Barnham Broom II 4:** Mrs A Loveday beat Mrs A Kerridge 2 up, Miss M A Fisher lost to Mrs J Cullum 3 and 2, Mrs P Howes beat Ms S Brooks-Morgan 2 and 1, Miss M A Fisher beat Mrs A Sayers 6 and 4, Mrs J Filby lost to Mrs A Carey 1 down, Mrs A Fairlie lost to Mrs F Leigh 3 and 1, Mrs L Bishop lost to Mrs J Meadows 4 and 3.  
**Division Four**  
**Richmond Park 3 Ryston Park 4:** Mrs L Matthews lost

to T McManus 4 and 2, Mrs M Middleton lost to A Fletcher 2 and 1, Mrs M Lockwood lost to V Mellish 1 down, Mrs A Achilles lost to V Armstrong 2 down, Mrs B Coverdale beat J Coles 8 and 6, Mrs M Flack beat L Kirk 7 and 6, Mrs L Davis beat J Price 3 and 2.  
**Division Five**  
**Swaffham beat Middleton Hall 4-3:** J Proctor lost to Mrs Y Reeve 2 up, C Lewington lost to Mrs B Eakins 4 and 3, S Turner beat Mrs J Chessell 8 and 6, J Kirman beat Mrs I Shell 3 and 1, M Blake beat Mrs C Woolley 2 up, S Giles lost to Mrs J Worfolk 8 and 6, D Tye beat B Teal 1 up.  
**Costessey Park beat Royal Cromer II 4.5-2.5:** Ms A Sibley beat Mrs M Nicholls 9 and 7, Mrs S Glenn lost to Mrs W Wright 4 and 3, Mrs S Fage beat Mrs D Prewer 1 up, Mrs A Hardy lost to Mrs L Bartman 4 and 3, Mrs M Hughes beat Mrs M Baxter 5 and 4, Mrs A Middleton beat Mrs G Storey 7 and 5, Mrs P Bartrum halved with Mrs C Bolam.  
**Division Six**  
**The Norfolk II beat Sheringham II 5-2:** Mrs L Fowler beat Mrs S Knight 4 and 3, Mrs A Jones lost to Mrs J Starkings 2 and 1, Mrs E Dann beat Mrs P Craske 9

and 7, Mrs K Barlow beat Mrs P Eke 7 and 6, Mrs J Cooper beat Mrs M Bowles 7 and 5, Mrs J Hoskin lost to Mrs P Mounfield 3 and 1, Mrs W Shadrack beat Mrs H Burton 2 up.  
**Sheringham II lost to Caldecott II 4-3:** Mrs A Hardy halved with Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Stewart beat Miss J Hodds 1 up, Mrs J Williams beat Miss V Hill 2 up, Mrs J Starkings lost to Mrs E Banham 2 down, Mrs S Sutton lost to Ms B Nash 3 and 1, Mrs P Craske lost to Mrs P Holliday 3 and 2, Mrs P Mounfield halved with Mrs D Williams.  
**Thetford Breckland Cups:** 1 James Phillips and James McBride 42 points, 2 Dick Ellis and John Redford 40 points, 3 Mike and Tony Horley 39 points ocb, 4 Tony Devlin and Steve Burridge 39 points.  
**Midweek Stableford:** 1 Eddie Cole 41 points, 2 Mervyn Dale 36 points ocb, 3 Harold Hambling 36 points, 4 David Daniels 36 points.

Hardy 42, Jamie Smith 41, Jason Asker 40. Division 2, John Seage 45 overall winner, Barrie Palmer 40, Philip Law 38, Gary Groucott 38.

**The Norfolk Ladies' May Stableford:** Division 1, Liz Dann (20) 38 pts, Angela Savory-Moll (15) 35 pts, Sarah Watts (15) 34 pts. Division Two, Rebecca Rolingson (36) 42 pts, Jenny Sheppard (36) 38 pts, Jane Hoskin (22) 37 pts.

**Rookery Park Sunday Medal:** 1 C Youngman 63, 2 R J Chamberlin 70, 3 P T Smith 71ocb, 4 C Soanes 71ocb, 5 A Westgate 71ocb. Lowest gross: S Goldsmith.  
**Mid Week Optional Stableford Two:** 1 C Monk 44ocb, 2 L Ingledew 44ocb, 3 M Sherlock 42, 4 C Morris 41ocb, 5 R Drage 41ocb.

**Great Yarmouth and Caister GY Badge and Fell Cup:** B F West 82-17-65, Kevin Twose 78-12-66, J Stevens 76-9-67, G P Doggett 80-11-69, T Norman 75-5-70, T Herd 79-8-71, Tom Gilbert 82-11-71, Kurt Durrant 88-17-71, T J Barber



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