

Fakenham Falcons retained their Norfolk U19 Twenty20 title after a convincing 10-wicket win over Ashmanhaugh & Barton Wanderers Spartans at Manor Park.

Harry Bammant (50 not out) and Billy Buckingham (45 not out) impressed as Fakenham cruised home inside 14 overs after Tom White (4-0-18-4) helped restrict the Spartans to 112-8 from their 20 overs (Shishir Bhatia 42).

Earlier in the day, the Spartans had beaten the Acle Aces in a hard-fought semi-final by five runs.

They set an imposing 156-6, with Joe Everett top scoring with 36 and Cameron Marrable making 32 not out. In reply Acle got off to a flying start thanks to 42 from Jordan Betts but some tight bowling at the death saw Spartans home off the final ball.

The second semi-final saw the Fakenham beat a youthful Swardeston Sharks side by 18 runs. They were indebted to Harry Bammant for an excellent 53 not out to hold the innings together before some good late hitting from Jamie Cook saw them set a total of 143-5.

Despite an excellent 51 not out from Will Kidner the Sharks fell 18 runs short and were bowled out with three balls left, with Robert Hooton, Aaron Howell, Oscar Campbell and Callum Futter all in the wickets.

Presentations were made by organiser Lewis Denmark from the Norfolk Cricket Board, Tom White of the Fakenham was awarded player of the final, Joe Everett received the batsman of the tournament award for his 163 runs and Charlie Rogers from Great Witchingham Panthers won the bowler of the tournament for his 11 wickets.

Meanwhile the Mid-Norfolk Sunday League finals day takes place at Sprowston on Bank Holiday Monday, with two intriguing games getting under way at 1pm.

The Challenge Cup Final will see a strong Acle side take on current league leaders Barney (umpires Mervyn Mann and Bob Eagleton) while the Broke Cup Final is between Martham and league newcomers Beeston (Nigel Brown/Andy Franks). League vhairman Colin King said: "This promises to be a scintillating day with all sides capable of playing some fine attacking cricket."