

ROBERT IRVING NEWTON (R2003-2008)

He was born on 18 January 1990 in Taunton, but at an early age moved to Norfolk. After attending Taverham Hall prep school he went to the College.

He made his senior club cricket debut for Swardeston in the 2003 season, aged just 13, scoring five runs. After an impressive career at the College, which included averaging 94.70 as a 15 year old and also a double century against the MCC relevant age group, he was awarded a place on the Northants Academy in 2005. He was tipped by *The Wisden Cricketer* as 'one to watch'. From there he regularly played for Northamptonshire under-17's and then from the age of 19, the second XI. Also during this period, he played for England under-17s and captained MCC under-18s.

He made his one-day debut for Northamptonshire aged 19 in September 2009 against Middlesex scoring seven.

In August 2010 he scored his maiden one-day fifty against Essex and decent scores in his debut first-class game against Worcestershire when a lot of others around him failed.

On 13 September 2010 he struck his maiden first-class century on a weather-affected first day of the LV= County Championship Division Two match against Leicestershire at Wantage Road. He smashed 102 off just 116 balls as Northamptonshire recovered from an awful start to reach 186 for six at the close. See Telegraph report on 14 September 2010 below



Newton's maiden century gives Northamptonshire respectability

YOUNG Northamptonshire batsman Rob Newton struck his maiden first-class century on a weather-affected first day against Leicestershire at Wantage Road.

Newton, 20, hit 102 off 116 balls as Northamptonshire recovered from an awful start to post 186 for six at the close of play, with stand-in captain Stephen Peters contributing a useful 55.

Leicestershire captain Matthew Hoggard, the former England seamer, took three for 39 for the visitors, who

realistically need a freak set of results to get promoted.

Jim Allenby and James Harris helped promotion hopefuls **Glamorgan** recover from a shaky start against bottom-placed **Derbyshire** before rain brought an early end to the first day of the Division Two encounter at Cardiff.

The seventh-wicket pair added 54 as the hosts progressed from 66 for six before lunch to finish on 120 for six when play was abandoned at 4.30pm.

He is an aggressive right-handed top order batsman and bowls the occasional leg-break.

Below is a picture of him scoring 165 not out against MCC on 7 May 2008.

