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Wars of the Roses

14-Jun-2009 Essex U175 failed in their bid to reach the ECF final two years in a row, losing their semi-final to Lancs, at Gaddesby, Leics, by 9-7. In the other semi-final, Middlesex failed to get past Yorkshire, losing 8½-7½, so the final will be a "War of the Roses" - Lancs v Yorks.

Strangely, the Open final will also be Lancs v Yorks, so both sides will have their resources tested that day. Lancs beat Middlesex 8½-7½, (playing alongside the Essex-Lancs U175 semi-final) while Yorks crushed Kent 10½-5½ in the other Open semi.

A further Roses battle occurred in the U150 semi-final; Yorks gained the, possibly dubious, honour of fielding a third team on Finals day, by beating Lancs 12-4. Still, you have to be in it to win it.