

Brooke A V Diss A 5th June 2010
Diss A 267-5 (46 overs)
Brooke A 201-9 (46 overs)

After the disappointment of losing at Cromer, Diss A were aiming to make amends as they made the trip to high flyers Brooke A. Having lost the toss and been put into bat on a very muggy day, Diss openers Craig Barker and David Williman were aiming to start positively on a fast scoring ground. However in the fifth over, after hitting a huge straight six, Barker was deceived by a slower ball from Hayman to perish for 10. This brought to the wicket captain fantastic Tim Courridge, who immediately looked to get on top of the bowling, his second scoring shot sailing over the ropes. Despite Brooke making numerous bowling changes, Courridge continued to play in his merry way, and with the old head of Williman at the other end Diss were shaping up well with 95 on the board after 20. It wasn't until the 26th over that Brooke struck again, Williman going for a well crafted 44 to a good snare at square leg. This brought in Mark Williamson, who immediately looked positive, and along with the imperious Courridge, the pair put on 91 in 13 overs before Williamson went for a tidy 28. The fall of this wicket saw Diss tail away towards the end of the innings, with Courridge falling for a magnificent 155, which included 22 fours and 5 sixes. Some attempted late hitting from Andy Tebble and Jamie Allen saw Diss end up on a respectable 267-5. In reply, Diss opened up with regulars Robbie West and Jack Bell, and with the very first ball West struck with a vicious inswinging yorker to have Cushing gone for a golden duck. With Brooke unable to get either bowler away, they became very frustrated, and both bowlers picked up 2 wickets in their opening spell, Bell bowling all the way through to finish with 2-45 off his 12 tight overs. At 63-4 after 15 overs, Brooke were looking to do nothing else but save the game, but Redditt and Bennett put on a spirited stand of 66 until Williamson had Redditt caught at midwicket for 32. This was to be followed 3 balls later by Bennett being cleaned up by the returning, fired up West. However, Andrews along with Gray, showed a lot of fight, and despite Williamson managing to pick up 4 wickets, Brooke hung on for a losing draw. Diss will have been very pleased with their days work, and now entertain Hethersett and Tas Valley on Saturday.