

Bungay V Diss
Lady Mary Cup
Semi Final

Bungay 101-9 (40 overs)
Diss 105-3 (19 overs)

Diss visited Bungay in a massive Lady Mary Cup Semi Final, and romped home by 7 wickets with more than 20 overs to spare to set up a mouth watering final with Bradenham at Manor Park. Upon losing yet another toss, Diss found themselves fielding on a sweltering afternoon in front of a pleasant sprinkling of spectators. Given the job of taking the new rock were James Shepherd and Robbie West, who of course is used to these hot and humid conditions. Both caused instant problems for their hosts, as they seemed to swing the ball round corners without getting their rewards. It wasn't until the 10th over that Diss struck with West presenting Mattocks his lethal inswinger to bowl him off pole for 12. West showed his fantastic fitness levels to bowl his 8 overs straight through, and was unlucky to finish with just the one scalp. With the openers now off, it was time for the spinners to come to the fore, and Rob Tooke and Chris Cooper both bowled with fine control, Tooke only going for 3 runs in his opening 7 overs, as well as getting the essential wicket of Lewis, who went for a well crafted 24. With the pitch turning and bouncing, Diss looked to their most attacking bowler in Mark Williamson, and he and Cooper didn't give the batsmen a clue, Cooper finishing with quite brilliant figures of 8-2-11-4. Shepherd joined Williamson, and both used their subtle variations at the death to keep the runs to a minimum, with the former unfortunately not looking like picking up a wicket had he bowled all day. Williamson bagged 2 more to finish with 3-31, as a brilliant all round fielding performance from these strapping young men allowed Bungay to post a below par 101. In response the ever fluent James Wilby, and a nervous looking Ben Spinks took guard and looked in little trouble against inferior opponents. However, Spinks lost his off peg in the 7th over, looking to play across the line and fell for a disappointing 5. Skipper Simon Cooper joined Wilby, but seemed to leave his bottle in the car as he wafted about, being dropped twice, and as Wilby fell for a pretty 25, Cooper soon followed for a very woolly 11. At the crease now were flat track bully Chris Cooper, and the stoic David Tooke. With Tooke clearly batting for a not out, Cooper threw his arms at anything in his half, including one DLF maximum that went 94 metres. With victory now all but secured, Tooke planted a one bounce four into the splattering of away supporters, to finish on 23, with Cooper on a rapid 33, to pick up the man of the match award and wrap up a comfortable 7 wicket win. The date of the Final is Sunday 17th July.