

Cromer A v Diss A
Cromer A 262-7 (46 overs)
Diss A 193 (43.3 overs)

Diss A made the long trip to Cromer on the back of two impressive early season victories. Winning the toss and choosing to bowl on a hot day at the coast, Diss opened up with Jack Bell and Dan Witting. Cromer openers Lithens and Gascoyne though started positively, until Bell had the dangerous Lithens caught expertly by Mark Williamson at short midwicket. Little did they know this would be their sole success for a considerable amount of time. Gascoyne was joined by Neale at the crease, and the two started to compile a decent partnership at a steady rate. Despite the efforts of Alex Blakely, Williamson, Colin Atkinson and Tim Courridge, Diss struggled to find a way through, until the pair had put on a magnificent 244 for the second wicket, when Neale was well held at point by Craig Barker off the eager Blakely. There then followed a cluster of wickets in the final 2 overs, with Blakely picking up 2 further wickets, and Courridge picking up a couple himself, including the imperious Gascoyne for a champion 117. At the half way point Diss would have been regretting their decision to bowl first. In reply Diss knew they needed a good start, but unfortunately it wasn't forthcoming, with Barker caught at slip in the second over for 1. In came key man Courridge to partner makeshift opener Jamie Allen, and the pair steadied the ship until Allen chipped tamely to cover while looking well set on 11. Next in was Williamson, but both he and Blakely were run out in mix ups with Courridge, quickly followed by Kilian, who went lbw for 0. Andy Tebble tried to offer some support, but it was Courridge playing a marvellous lone hand in a Diss batting effort, batting magnificently for 111, until he was seventh out with the score on 180. Diss last pair Atkinson and Bell tried to force a losing draw, but Winterbone bowled Bell for 5, with 15 balls to spare to see Diss lose convincingly against a very strong Cromer outfit. Diss will be looking to make amends at home to Norwich and Coltishall wanderers at the Rec this Saturday.