

Diss A v Hethersett & Tas Valley A 12th June 2010
Diss A 141 all out (44.4 overs)
Hethersett & Tas Valley A 142-7 (44.3overs)

After beginning the season very strongly, Diss A entertained Hethersett & Tas Valley A looking to keep the momentum going. After losing the toss and being inserted into bat, Diss openers Craig Barker and Alex Blakely needed a good start, this wasn't forthcoming as the badly out of form Blakely fell cheaply for 1. This brought to the crease Mark Williamson, and he along with Barker battled hard against some accurate bowling. After putting on 45, Williamson fell for 25, looking to up the run rate. Next in was key man Mike Tooke, who got off the mark with a gorgeous 6 over long off. Just as Diss were looking good on 86-2, Barker fell for a patient 30. Gareth Kilian was next to the crease, and was required to support the impressive Tooke. But he soon fell for 5, followed by Jamie Allen for 0, as Diss capitulated, four players getting a duck, and Mike Tooke eventually holing out in the deep for a well crafted 60. Hethersett's bowlers would have been pleased with their efforts, especially Scott who finished with 2-21 off 12 miserly overs. In reply, Diss pace pair Robbie West and Jack Bell looked to be aggressive in the search for early wickets. This duly arrived when stand in captain Bell bowled Mitchell for 7 with a beautiful inswinger. But a second wicket partnership of 82 between Hayes and Smith won the game for Hethersett. Despite the enthusiastic Barker picking up both their wickets, and the ever impressive spin of Williamson picking up 2-22 in 12 testing overs, Hethersett squeezed home with two overs to spare, with the nerveless Hurst ending on a cool 16 not out. After this disappointing display, Diss will need a positive result against Dereham A next week if they are to have realistic ambitions of promotion.