

Match Report for Sunday 19th June Diss CC v Brooke CC in the Norfolk Association Invitation Cup, also known as the Umpires Cup

Diss 300-5 (48 overs)

Brooke 147 all out (38.2 overs)

Diss met Brooke in the Umpires Cup at Rectory Meadow on Sunday in a match reduced to 48 overs per side, and ran out comfortable 153 run winners. Skipper Simon Cooper lost the toss and was invited to bat first on a cloudy afternoon. Diss opened with the returning Liam Brown and the in form Wilby, who was in the unfortunate position of having to face best mate Oli Howes who took the new rock for the visitors. This wasn't to last long though, as new ball partner Nudd had him bowled through the gate looking to pump the ball straight down the ground for 3. This brought Cooper in, and he and Brown looked to be patient and wait for the bad ball as the Brooke bowlers probed away. Infact, it took Brown 25 balls to score his first run, but from there he never looked back as both batsman found run scoring a lot easier against relatively weak change bowlers. Both passed assured half centuries, before Cooper disappointingly gave his wicket away in lazy fashion as he tried to cut a straight ball. Next in was David Tooke, looking to avoid a pair for the weekend, which he did, before Brown fell caught at backward point, for a very handsome 63. Big hitting Chris Cooper strode to the wicket, and immediately made his intentions known with a 6 first ball, as he and Tooke cleared the ropes more than once with elegance and poise, but Cooper was to edge behind going for his fourth maximum and fell for 27. This brought the showman, Robert Tooke, to the middle, who also received a rank half tracker first ball, and dispatched it for 6. The brothers put on 58 in 6 overs before David curiously left a straight one and was bowled for an agricultural 44. Youngster Charlie Pask joined Tooke for the final 5 overs and had the best seat in the house as his partner bludgeoned the ball to all parts, taking a particular liking to Nudd, whose length balls were hit into the trees or over the clubhouse. He finished on an amazing unbeaten 70 off 28 balls, which included 6 gargantuan sixes, with Pask ending 7 not out. In reply Brooke knew they had a tall order, and once Robbie West and James Shepherd found their areas early on, they knew victory was well out of the question. West was bowling with both pace and accuracy, and showed no let up as he took the bull by the horns in his opening 5 overs, and was unlucky not to get more than his 3 wickets. Andy Tebble came on as first change, and deservedly so as he nibbled the ball about, and Brooke had no answer to his nagging line.. Eight bowlers were given a trundle in all, but none could get the prized scalp of Andrews, who batted beautifully, looking in no trouble at all until he became frustrated with his partner's shambolic dismissals, and was bowled by Chris Cooper for a masterful 47. Mike Tooke and James Wilby, who took 2 wickets without conceding a run, finished off proceedings and wrap up an easy win and sail through to the next round.