

7<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Diss CC V Cromer CC

Norfolk Alliance Premier Division

Diss' great start to the league campaign came to a grinding halt as they lost to Cromer at the Rectory Meadow on Saturday.

An abject performance with bat, ball and in the field left Diss with very little positives to take out of the game. The one exception to the rule was Rob Tooke, who put in an excellent all round display taking five wickets, and scoring 46 runs in his man-of-the-match performance.

Fielding first, Diss got off to a promising start as, not for the first time this year, Germon struck early having Davies (8) well caught by D. Tooke at cover. A frustrating fifty run partnership followed between Kimber (41) and Carius (16) as Diss bowled loosely and fielded carelessly. Rob Tooke saw the back of both batsman in close succession as D. Tooke and Ben Spinks clung on to difficult chances. As Diss started to get the upper hand more complacency crept into their game. Charlwood and K. Tuck were severe on anything loose and together put on ninety-five for the fourth wicket. It was down to Rob Tooke again to see off both men, firstly catching Tuck (36) off his own bowling, and then Charlwood (56) was smartly stumped by Weal. With only eight overs remaining the incoming Cromer batsman were happy to throw caution to the wind in search of a big score and quick runs. Rob Tooke completed a five-wicket haul in his last over, with his brother, David, taking his third catch of the day. And a fine run out by Simon Cooper couldn't stop a late flurry of runs as Cromer ended on 216 for 7.

On a decent pitch and a lightning fast outfield Diss were still in with a very good shout but their reply started terribly as the returning James Wilby gloved behind in only the second ball of the innings. A bad start turned into an atrocious one as Diss soon found themselves reeling at 15 for three, with Spinks and Chris Cooper back in the hutch for next to nothing between them. Diss started to repair their innings via a partnership between Simon Cooper (26) and Rob Tooke, but just as the game was starting to swing back into the hosts favour another flurry of wickets left them miles off the pace at 100 for six. An excellent fifty run partnership followed between the gallant and injured David Tooke (30) and Mark Williamson (25) but it wasn't quite enough as yet another flurry of wickets left Diss all out for 162.

Diss will be looking to get back to winning ways on Saturday, as they travel to undefeated Fakenham.

Cromer CC 216 for 7 (Rob Tooke 5 for 41) beat Diss CC 162 all out (Rob Tooke 46, Dave Tooke 30) by 54 runs.