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Diss CC V Vauxhall Mallards CC

Norfolk Alliance Premier Division

On Saturday Diss endured yet another extremely frustrating afternoon as they were defeated by Vauxhall Mallards, largely down to the all round display from Mallards' overseas professional, Glen Addicott.

Addicott took a pivotal four wickets to leave Diss all out for 170, a good twenty runs short of a competitive total, the South African then smashed 55 with the bat to all but see the visitors home for the loss of five wickets.

Diss skipper, Simon Cooper, took a positive step upon winning the toss and decided to bat first. Ben Spinks and James Wilby (5) looked to positive from the off but the latter fell in the fifth over, bowled by J. Ing, with the score on 13. While Spinks (33) found some form with some attractive stroke-play, Simon Cooper scratched his way up to thirteen but the pair fell in quick succession, as Spinks was bowled by Elms, while Cooper was well caught off the same bowler. When Chris Cooper came and went within two balls, and David Tooke's (11) innings was cut short as he feathered a catch off Addicott, Diss were left deep in trouble on 74 for five. The 71 run stand that followed between Will Dawson (23) and Robert Tooke resurrected Diss' innings. Tooke was in devastating mood as he smashed anything that was even a modicum off target, while Dawson played a more circumspect innings, negating the spin of Steve Goldsmith which included a picturesque lofted six. With Dawson back in the hutch Tooke (52) continued to blaze his way to a highly impressive fifty, but fell shortly after as partners started to run out, and with the tail putting up little fight Diss were bowled out for 170 with five overs still left to bat.

Diss were cock-a-hoop after a few balls as Germon had the prolific Goldsmith caught by Chris Cooper off a rotten full toss. Unfortunately that was to be Diss' only success in the first half of the Mallards' innings as J. Larter (36) and Addicott put on 86, leaving Diss way off the pace. Mark Williamson eventually had the South African spectacularly caught at deep-off by Chris Cooper. Robert Tooke struck with the score at 113 by having Shipley trapped LBW for 9, and shortly after Williamson bowled Larter with an incredible turning delivery. Unfortunately it was too little too late for Diss as a frustrating partnership followed between Seager (15) and Barker (21no). A consolation wicket fell to Shepherd as he bowled Seager with an excellent in-swinging, but the final few runs were knocked off with little fuss.

Diss' man of the match was Rob Tooke as he continues to show what an invaluable player he is to this Diss team with both bat and ball. A special mention must go to Robbie West as his excellent 12 overs costing just 30 runs undeservedly ended in no reward.

Diss CC 170 all out (Rob Tooke 52, Ben Spinks 33) lost to Vauxhall Mallards CC 171 for five (Mark Williamson 2 for 27, Rob Tooke 1 for 13) by 5 wickets.