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Diss CC V Sprowston CC

Bob Carter Cup

A relatively inexperienced Diss team were dumped out of the Carter Cup in the first round on Sunday as they were outplayed by Alliance Premier League high flyers Sprowston.

Diss lost the toss and found themselves taking the field first, and got off to a fantastic start with Robert West and James Shepherd causing the Sprowston openers all sorts of problems with their left arm seamers. Shepherd soon accounted for Palmer with a searing in-swinging yorker, and Purton followed soon after to the same bowler and the same method of dismissal. Robbie West was next to get in on the act as his fast, full and straight bowling paid off as he had P. Glozier trapped in front for 15, by which stage Sprowston were struggling on 38 for three.

Wickets continued to fall as the Chris Cooper had Leverett (8) trapped in front, and then his brother enticed Murrell (21) into a false shot, with Will Dawson taking a sharp chance in the gully. With Sprowston five down an upset was on the cards, but the next three wickets were to be Diss' downfall as they came at a cost of 180 runs. Handy (67), Chipperfield (56), and Roff (40) combined to swing the match back in Sprowston's favour. Diss gave eight different bowlers a chance to stem the flow of runs and pick up wickets and it was Dawson who obliged with three wickets in a six over spell as the Sprowston tail end were looking to push the score up to 300. With the other two wickets to fall split between a Simon Cooper run out, and Mark Williamson, the visitors were eventually bowled out for 291 in the 59th over.

To have any chance chasing down such a score Diss were going to have to score at a decent rate as well as keep wickets in hand. Although runs were flowing easily enough, Diss lost wickets at regular intervals throughout their innings. At tea Diss were 96 for seven with Will Dawson not out on 40. With Tebble (2) falling shortly after lunch Robbie West joined Dawson at the crease, and their partnership was to be a face saving one for Diss as the pair put on almost one hundred for the ninth wicket in a very patient but at times highly entertaining stand. Dawson's marathon innings came to an end when he hauled out to Handy for 93 after batting for two and a half hours. West followed three balls later for a gutsy 33, as Diss were bowled out for 197 runs, 95 short of their target.

Diss' man-of-the-match went to Will Dawson for his three wickets and stand out batting performance.

Sprowston CC 291 all out (Will Dawson 3 for 41, James Shepherd 2 for 10) beat Diss CC 197 all out (Will Dawson 93, Robbie West 33) by 94 runs.