

## **Diss vs Vauxhall Mallards**

### **Norfolk Association of Cricket Officials Cup**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010**

**VMCC 298-7, Diss CC 188 all out. Vauxhall Mallards won by 110 runs**

On Sunday in beautiful summer conditions Diss entertained East Anglian Premier League outfit Vauxhall Mallards in the Umpires Cup. Mallards won the toss and unsurprisingly batted first in batting friendly conditions. The Diss opening attack of Rush and Blakely restricted the opening batsman well and when Bell was introduced into the attack he removed both Purton and Amos in a very impressive 7 over spell, finishing with 2-28. These wickets brought former test player James Marshall to the crease who built partnerships with Barton (39) and Free (40), before being removed by the impressive Tebble (2-54) for a run a ball 88. After a few hefty blows the innings closed on 298-7, with all the Diss bowlers bowling well in difficult conditions, Chris Cooper the pick with 1-36 from 10.

The Diss reply started well before Spinks was unluckily bowled. Rush and Barker soon followed, dismissed by the impressive Bradshaw (3-7), but Wilby remained at the crease and was joined by skipper Simon Cooper. The pair put on 74 for the 4<sup>th</sup> wicket, the scoring dominated by the impressive Wilby (53), who played an elegant innings including several sweetly struck sweep shots. Simon Cooper remained at the crease and Chris Cooper, Blakely and Pask all provided brief assistance, before the experienced Tebble come to the crease. This led to a partnership of 63, before Tebble was removed by Purton (3-61). The Diss innings came to an end in the 49<sup>th</sup> over when Cooper (84) was the last man out, leaving Atkinson 0 not out.

All in all this was a performance that the team can be very proud of against a side including several County players, which bodes well for the future.