

Downham Market CC V Diss CC

Norfolk Alliance Premier Division

9th July 2011

On Saturday Diss failed to repeat their early season heroics as they were emphatically defeated by Downham Market by almost one hundred runs.

Diss chose to have a bowl first on what looked like a juicy wicket. James Shepherd and Robbie West started with decent control, and after a good opening partnership they were rewarded with a wicket each in consecutive overs. With the seamers being replaced by spin, Chris Cooper and Rob Tooke struggled to maintain their normally exemplary control, but with the score on 67 they too picked up a wicket in consecutive overs, the highlight being a sharp stumping by Tom Weal to see the back of A. Stuart. Unfortunately for Diss, Downham had managed to keep wickets in hand for the latter stages of their innings, and with Pat Yates passing his fifty and looking to increase the pace and daunting total looked probable. Cooper and the in-form Mark Williamson picked up a couple more wickets between them, and with Dawson completing a consolatory run out Downham finished their allotted overs on 217 for seven.

Diss' response never really got started. Liam Brown (1) was first to go, caught behind off Angus Stuart. James Wilby then came and went in that same over. The Tooke brothers showed brief glimpse of form but came and went with little fuss, as did Chris Cooper, who was unlucky to be caught off an inside edge for seven. Simon Cooper was still holding up an end after opening the innings, and after Will Dawson was caught in the deep after a cameo 16 Diss were reeling on 96 for 6. Simon Cooper's (28) resistance was eventually broken as was one of PJ Cairns' 4 victims, and with the tailend showing very little resistance despite trying to knuckle down Diss found themselves bundled out for 114.

Tom Weal was awarded a somewhat hollow man of the match award, for his excellent performance behind the stumps.

Diss CC 114 all out (Simon Cooper 28, Will Dawson 16), lost to Downham Market CC 217 for 7 (Chris Cooper 2 for 57, Robbie West 1 for 24) by 103 runs.