

Norfolk League Division 8  
Hardingham B 126 all out v Diss B 104 all out

Roll of Honour:  
W. Ward 5-23

“Disappointing Diss B lose despite Ward’s 5 wicket haul”

In a match which Diss B should have easily won, they eventually lost by 22 runs away at Hardingham B on Saturday that was played at Wicklewood Cricket Club in this Norfolk League division 8 encounter.

On a very green looking wicket, Diss won the toss and had no hesitation in putting the home side in. L. Brawn and W. Ward opened the bowling with good line but it was not until the eighth over that Ward made the breakthrough bowling Howard for 7.

Ward continued to keep the scoring down and was rewarded with four more wickets to return excellent bowling figures of 12-2-23-5. Support then came from Liam Fairweather (1-28) and James Skilleter (2-40) before Lewis Brawn came back to take the final two wickets to halt the Hardingham innings at 126.

Diss knowing that they were in with a good chance of coming home with a win made a solid start with old campaigners Doug Young and Martin Fairweather at the crease. Both hit the bad ball before Fairweather was bowled by an in-swinging Yorker from Burt for 16. Youngsters Liam Fairweather and Spencer Davey came and went and then Young was caught at slip for 12. Diss went from 27-0 to 35-4 and as Burt’s tail was up by taking all wickets.

Lewis Brawn (12) briefly showed promise and brother Mark Brawn (3) both fell to Burt who ended up with fine figures of 6-17 from his 12 overs.

Ben Goldsmith, at the other end, was building another good score. However he found little support from the tail and was caught for a well made 37 which included 6 fours and 1 six. Hardingham’s slow bowlers Howard and Oakley mopped up the tail as Diss were all out for 104.

A disappointing defeat for Diss who must reflect on this defeat when they next play in two weeks time in the final away match of the season at Hingham A.