

Sprowston V Diss

Sprowston 157 all out (49.1 overs)

Diss 54 all out (18.2 overs)

Diss suffered a second consecutive league defeat on Saturday at the hands of Sprowston, being defeated by a very disappointing 103 runs. Diss lost their seventh toss in a row and were put in the field on a pleasant afternoon. However, with the very first ball of the match James Shepherd sent the off stump of Palmer cartwheeling, and with the excellent Robbie West in full flow at the other end, Sprowston may have been regretting their decision to bat first. Shepherd soon bowled Purton for 12 with another jaffer, and when West bagged two in as many overs Diss were on top with the score at 40-4. Hales and Murrell however counter attacked, with Simon Cooper being dispatched willy nilly to the fence by Hales. But the excellent West accounted for him, a searing yorker at 79 clicks far too good, and giving the young paceman enjoyable figures of 13-3-32-3. At this point Diss turned to spin, as Mark Williamson and Chris Cooper looked to pick up where the seamers had left off. Cooper though was serving up a buffet, and Chipperfield hit him for 3 gigantic maximums that travelled far and beyond the boundary, only for Cooper to get his revenge when he got a raging turner to beat his defences. Murrell was then stumped by stand in keeper Spinks, who enjoyed a superb day behind the sticks, off the same bowler for 35, and Diss were on top yet again. Williamson meanwhile was still on at the other end, weaving a web that the home batsmen just couldn't get out of, and he picked up three deserved victims, the highlight being when Roff didn't read the karum ball and was sharply taken by Spinks. He ended up returning awesome figures of 12.1-2-20-3, and finished the Sprowston innings on 157. At this stage it was very much honours even, but with 7 players missing for one reason or another, the Diss reply folded meekly. Only James Shepherd and Barnaby Chenery showed any resistance, and Shepherd being the top scorer with 16. Roff ended the embarrassing reply with two wickets in two balls, which meant Diss had been bowled out for 54, by far their lowest total of a fruitful season. Diss man of the match was Robbie West, who bowled 13 overs unchanged, and yet again showing what a natural strike bowler he is.