

Garboldisham CC Match Reports 16 May 2009

Norfolk Alliance Div 2

Saxlingham 157 All Out Garboldisham 120 for 9

A game Garboldisham should have won ended as a battle to secure a losing draw. Winning the toss skipper Danny Cash asked Saxlingham to bat on a wet soft pitch. Good bowling saw Nick Llewelin pick up 2 early wickets however, Garboldisham's catching then let them down with 5 relatively easy and 3 hard chances spilled. Regular wickets were still picked up with wicketkeeper Robbie Goodwin claiming two catches and one stumping. Charlie Wright bowled steadily with no luck, Llewelin and opener Robbie Fuller came back to claim one wicket each, but it was Paul Feavearyear who after a wayward first spell came back to skittle the tail with final figures of 5 for 49 off 8 overs. Saxlingham had chalked up 157 off 38 overs but if Garboldisham had not fumbled so many chances they would have only had to chase less than 100.

In reply Garboldisham had 53 overs to achieve their target and got off to a slow but steady reply with veteran openers Robert Leech and Ian Melvin (partnership of 103 in years!). The Saxlingham opening bowlers kept it very tight with no loose deliveries and the wicket started playing a few tricks as it dried out. Leech fell to a fine caught and bowled, bringing skipper Cash to the crease however a loose square cut gave a catch to their keeper. Andrew Whistler then fell first ball to superb catch at short cover. Charlie Wright then steadied the ship with Melvin still holding an end up and the scoreboard started to tick over at the required rate. Wright was then beaten by a superb swinging yorker from D Fowles 5 for 24 off 14 overs. George Alston and Robbie Goodwin came and went quickly leaving Nick Llewelin(16) and Melvin to try and keep up with the increasing asking rate. Melvin finally succumbed in the 45 over for a painstaking and painful 46. Jonathon Leech survived a couple of overs but it was down to Llewelin and Paul Feavearyear to bat out for a losing draw. The old adage, catches win matches was very true in this game and catching practice is top priority for Garboldisham this week.