

## GARBOLDISHAM THIRDS SHOW THE WAY

After successful warm up games the previous week Garboldisham CC looked forward to the start of the season proper with league matches getting underway this week.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team travelled to Swardeston A for the Norfolk Alliance Division 2 fixture, skipper Danny Cash won the toss and invited Swardeston to bat first. Halfway through the innings this looked a bad decision with openers Olpin and Ebbage both scoring 60s and Swardeston standing at 158 for 1. Then an inspired return spell by Robbie Fuller of 7 for 20 in 5 overs, saw Swardeston crumble to 209 all out. In reply evergreen openers Robert Leech and Neville Kemp, combined experience of 109 years, made a steady start, however wickets started to fall and it was down to skipper Cash to steady the ship with a good 69, losing his wicket to a catch in the deep off Horrex, who finished with 5 for 36 off 12 overs. Robbie Goodwin, Charlie Wright and Robbie Fuller all chipped in with scores around 20 but wickets continued to fall and it was left to vice captain Paul Feavearyear and youngster Jonathon Leech to stave off defeat, which they successfully managed, ending on 177 for 9. Garboldisham 10 points, Swardeston A 18 points.

Garboldisham 2<sup>nd</sup> team started in a new league with different match rules to which they were accustomed, playing Swardeston/CEYMS in the newly created Division 6 of the Norfolk Alliance. Batting first Garboldisham got off to a slow start with both openers perishing cheaply, a hard hit 41 from Trevor Lee steadied the innings but when he was caught on the boundary going for another big hit, the innings slumped. Helped by sensible batting from Andy Smith (21 not out) at the end Garboldisham were bowled out for a below par 146. By contrast the Swardeston/CEYMS openers showed how to do it by putting on a partnership of over 100, only Alex Hogg with 2 for 13 showed the line and length necessary as the opposition duly knocked off the required target for the loss of 4 wickets. Garboldisham 4 pts, Swardeston/CEYMS 23 pts.

Newly promoted Garboldisham 3rds showed the rest of the club how to win by scoring an impressive 201 for 8 and then restricting Beccles B to 171 for 8 in Norfolk League Division 7.