

## Norfolk Cricket Board – Saturday League Report – Week One

The newly formed Norfolk Cricket Board got off to a damp start on Saturday although on the positive side almost half of the scheduled matches reached a conclusion with teams taking full advantage of the rule flexibility with several earlier starts and overs reduced to try and get a game in. Clubs are reminded that matches can be re-arranged where possible – one match has already been re-arranged to a mid-week T20.

It was good to see positive results in all three matches in four groups although four groups suffered the opposite with all matches abandoned.

Well played to the nine centurions with Mike Church, Caister CC recording the highest individual score of the day 187\* as his team racked up 312/2 from their 40 overs. The ‘unluckiest of the day’ award must go to Sheringham 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 openers Adam Smith (106\*) and Andrew Boocock (122\*) in a total of 267/0 with the game abandoned after 17 overs of the Sprowston 4<sup>th</sup> X1 reply in group 14.

The day’s leading bowler was Kaushik Trivedi with an impressive 6-21 from 8 overs for Sprowston 3<sup>rd</sup> X1 and there were also good performances from Joe Lewis (5/17) for Saxlingham and Rob Whelan (5/37) for Aylsham St Giles with all three guiding their teams to victory.

In Group One North Runcton (198) overcame Cromer (172/6) in a match reduced to 30 overs per side with skipper Ben Coote leading from the front with 109\*. Despite an earlier start at Stow the match was abandoned with Fakenham having set 178.

The only match to finish in group 2 produced one of the days closest finish after both teams agreed to play a T20 with Diss posting 121/9 with Brooke getting home by 2 wickets with 3 balls remaining.

