

The Norfolk Cricket Board Saturday League – Week Two report

We are delighted to confirm that this week's sunshine and high temperatures saw a full complement of matches played on Saturday.

In their first match in Group One, Sprowston got off to a flying start posting 266/8 with Sridhar Tenjarla hitting 109 and despite a Freddie Fairey half century Downham Stow were bowled out for 167. In the group's other match Fakenham prevailed against North Runcton by 5 wickets to top the group.



Highest scorers in Group 2 were Old Buckenham who scored 243/7 beating Acle by 62 runs and are joint leaders with Norwich who beat Brooke chasing 165 with five overs remaining.

Group three saw one of the day's closest finishes – Horsford batted first at Weybourne Road posting 159/7 where, agonizingly, their Sheringham hosts finished one run short with nine wickets down.

There is a three way tie at the top of group 5 with wins for Bradenham, Great Melton and Downham Stow A and in group six the Ashford brothers starred for Fakenham A who 165 without loss to beat Swardeston – CEYMS by 10 wickets with Jack 91 and Ben 45 , both undefeated. Peter Free finished 106* for Old Buckenham 2nd X1.

Performance of the day was Nishant Murria (154 not out) sharing an unbroken 2nd wicket partnership with Oli Stamp (59*) as Brooke 2nd X1 raced to a challenging victory target after H & TV 2nd X1 had posted 228 with Nick Burrett top scoring with 75.

14-year-old Enoch Uthayarajan took the days bowling honors with 4-4 including a hat-trick as Hales and Loddon were skittled for 38 against Norwich B. In the same group Mattishall 2nd X1 successfully chased 256 to win off the final ball against Rocklands in a cracking finish.

Cameron Collard fired 115 as Felthorpe beat Wensum despite 76* by Tim Nutting in group 11.

A record all wicket Horsford 3rd X1 partnership of 196 with Tom Vaughan (111 off 82 balls) and Zach Taylor (92 from 66 balls) was the highlight in group 12. In the same group 113 from Michael Barker saw Eaton overcome St Andrews. Another centurion was Tim Courridge for Mellis in a high scoring win against Saham Toney.

There were two cracking matches in group 13 where at Coltishall, the home team, fell just six runs short of Hardingham's imposing total of 240 despite 93 from Jonathan Browne and there was an even closer match where H & TV 3rd X1 lost by the narrow margin of three runs against Ketteringham Hall with Craig Birleson top scoring with 70. Peter Young (106*) was an unbeaten centurion as Old Catton successfully chased Overstrand's total of 225 in group 14. It took an unbeaten 85 by David Cosford to see Acle 3rd X1 to victory against Winterton 2nd X1 in a close match in group 15 by 2 wickets.

The final word of the weekend goes to Hardingham CC who declared 'Cricket was the real winner' in their narrow win against Coltishall who 'contributed fully to a cracking match' which sums up nicely the purpose of this Competition.

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