

Denby B v Nortonthorpe B (12/07/08)

Nortonthorpe B, in 4th place before the game, visited 2nd placed Denby, but with only 10 men, in the game of the day in Section E. The match ball was kindly sponsored by Mr M.Watson. Nortonthorpe batted first and started reasonably as Matt Hayes scored 36, but things got a whole lot better when number 7 Oliver Cosgrove came into bat. He rattled up 109 not out, including a 100 partnership with James Simpson (22). The innings included 5 sixes, 4 of which came in one over, the only over that that bowler sent down. The innings closed on 230 for 6 and Denby had a big task on their hands to get anything more than a point.

Denby who disappointingly refused Nortonthorpe's request for a substitute fielder to make up their 11 started pretty well against 10 fielders, but it appeared that all of their batting was in the top 3 as Pickford (30), Gaunt (42) and Hunt (42) all got decent scores. After that however, nobody else scored many as Denby held on for a point as their innings ended on 156-9, with man of the match Cosgrove also bagging 4-38 to go with his century, and Jonny Morgan collected 3-52.

Both teams remained in the same positions in the league as they were at the start but with Nortonthorpe now much closer to the promotion spots with only 5 points separating 2nd and 4th, with Edgerton and Dalton clear at the top.