

## **Cartworth Moor A v Nortonthorpe A (14/06/08)**

Nortonthorpe CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI went into their game against free scoring Cartworth Moor A in 1<sup>st</sup> place in Section B of the Arrow Central Cricket League Section B, but were missing 5 key players and only had 10 men, so it was going to be a difficult game.

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Cartworth Moor batted first and the formidable partnership of S.Bissett and A.Bissett opened the innings, with the former being the top scoring batsman in the league so far this season, and the latter just outside the top 10. However, it was the visitors who enjoyed the first success as Ray Cosgrove bowled A.Bissett behind his legs in just the 4<sup>th</sup> over the game. P.Greenman joined S.Bissett and they proceeded to get their side back on top as they moved on to 110 off 33 overs before the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket fell as Simon Parton grabbed his first wicket, that of Greenman who was bowled for 41.

In the same over Edinburgh departed, and in the 37<sup>th</sup> over the prize wicket of S.Bissett was also picked up by Parton who had him caught by Paul England for 71. G.Halstead was the other run scorer of note, with 36, as Cartworth closed on a pretty decent 188 for 9, with Simon Parton having taken 6-37 and Olly Cosgrove 2 wickets for an expensive 78.

With 3 of their regular top 6 batsmen away for various reasons Nortonthorpe were wondering where the runs were going to come from, especially when regular opener George Parkes was bowled for just 4 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> over. Chris Sansom was promoted up to number 3 to join Simon Haigh in trying to repair the early damage, and they did just that as the pair added 54 before Haigh was caught for 17. Following his bowling heroics Parton joined Sansom and proceeded to help develop another 50 partnership before Sansom fell for an excellent 52 and his maiden half century for the club. Ray Cosgrove then kept the scoreboard moving, and despite falling for 21, he left only a few runs for Parton and England & Wilkinson to get, which they duly did to complete an excellent victory for Nortonthorpe with 2 overs to spare, and with man of the match Parton unbeaten on 67. The victory kept Nortonthorpe at the top of the division, but only 2 points ahead of Denby Grange now after they secured maximum points against Denby Dale.