

Crossbank Meths A v Nortonthorpe A (26/04/08)

Match Report

Nortonthorpe CC 1st XI made an excellent start to their 2008 campaign in the Arrow Central Cricket League Section B, with a good win against Crossbank Methodists who were relegated from Section A last season. The match ball was kindly sponsored by the clubs main sponsor, Solarshade Window Films Ltd.

After successfully completing the journey to the Crossbank ground in a 7-car convoy, Nortonthorpe were pleased to see that the ground was looking good and the pitch marked out and ready to go. Paul England lost the toss and his Nortonthorpe side were asked to bat on a very soft wicket. As expected, progress was slow as the new opening partnership of George Parkes and Simon Parton added 27 in 17 overs before the first wicket fell as Parton went for 11 just an over before Parkes went for 15.

Nobody really did much better on the difficult wicket, although Simon Haigh, Pete Spark, Ash Cockhill, Scott Croucher and Paul England did make scores in the teens as the visitors closed on 118 for 7. The pick of the bowlers was S.Copland with 3-15 off 12.

The home side got off to a bad start as they tumbled to 11 for 3 as Olly Cosgrove took a wicket in each of his first 3 overs. They never really recovered in the face of some tight bowling from Cosgrove (3-17), Paul Wilkinson (3 for 12 off 12), and Parton (3-7), as they were bowled out for just 42.

Nortonthorpe 2nd XI saw their game cancelled due to the weather, and with a free weekend this Saturday, will not start their season until May 10th.