

## **Birchencliffe B v Nortonthorpe B (26/07/08)**

Nortonthorpe 2<sup>nd</sup> XI travelled to Birchencliffe in their Section E game, with the match ball again sponsored by Paul Wilkinson (Builders). Birchencliffe won the toss and chose to bat and rattled up 196 for 5 with J.Mellor (43), G.Oldroyd (50 no) and M.Tokhir all scoring heavily against an attack missing holidaying Brian Woodhead. In reply, chasing such a big score, Nortonthorpe needed a feat similar to Olly Cosgrove's unbeaten century in their last game. With Cosgrove promoted back to the first XI it was left to Elliot Hurst to work the miracles as he scored a tremendous 90 not out, including 5 sixes, as an excellent victory was achieved with a few overs left.

The win elevated Nortonthorpe back up to 4<sup>th</sup> place above Birchencliffe, 8 points behind 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Woolley but with a game in hand.