

## **Nortonthorpe A v Birchencliffe A (31/05/08)**

Nortonthorpe A hosted Birchencliffe A in their section B clash looking to continue their unbeaten start to the season. Northonthorpe skipper Paul England won the toss and elected to field first. Nortononthorpe bowled well initially as they kept the visitors run rate down, as well as picking up occasional wickets. Ray Cosgrove picking up 2 for 35 from his allotted 12 overs. Birchencliffe however continued to score runs and after the 20 over mark they upped their rate and made a total of 193 for 9 from their 45 overs. Opener G Nuttall top scoring for the visitors with 37. Simon Parton picked up 3 for 59 for the home side. Nortonthorpe in reply soon lost opener Parton for only 4 caught by J Lewis off the bowling of R Garside. His partner G Parkes continued his good start to the season getting to 17 before being bowled by Garside.

Nortonthorpe's next 3 all made double figures but never went on from there and after a low order collapse Nortonthorpe were bowled out for 104 in the 38th over bringing an abrupt end to the unbeaten run. S Swap top scoring with 24. R Smith and R Garside both collected 4 wickets for the visitors.