

Match Report Week 3 Saturday 14th May 2011

Staxton CC 265/6 beat Forge Valley CC 70 all out

Valley suffered at the hands of Staxton CC and came away with just 3 points following a miserable batting performance in the second innings. Good early bowling from Valley's young attack saw the hosts fall to 60/4 after 19 overs with Carl Jackson and David Sowden each claiming two wickets, but enter Staxton's captain Chris Dove who batted with great poise and patience as he tried to rescue his side. At 117/5 in the 30th over, Valley sensed a sniff of a chance, but Dove had other ideas and joined by youngster Linden Gray the pair put on 151 for the 6th wicket in just 15 overs. Gray hit 76 (6x4 4x6) and Dove, a majestic 108 not out (9x4 2x6) as the Valley fielding wilted in the onslaught. Given Valley's good recent efforts with the bat the second innings came as a shock as the visitors slumped to 70 all out in 37 overs. Chris Brown claimed 3/28 and Linden Gray, in a fine personal performance took 3/14. Josh Cooper was Valley's top scorer with 12. This continues Valley's dismal showing at Staxton CC, a ground where they have failed to win since the start of the Premier Division in 2006.

Forge Valley II 215/9 drew with Staxton II 225/6 – Rain Stopped Play

In a remarkable match at Wilsons Lane, the seconds came within 10 runs of a famous run chase before torrential rain drove the players from the field and with the visitors only needing 1 wicket. Valley started well with the ball and early wickets from Josh Gretton and Jermaine White saw Staxton struggling at 19/2. Staxton skipper Andy Dove (68) joined youngster Jonny Aldcroft and the pair took advantage of any Valley slip as they put on 146 for the 3rd wicket. Aldcroft fell just 5 runs short of a well deserved century. Gretton (2/43), Phil Holden (2/52) and White (2/53) kept plugging away for the home side. Despite Andy Toal's aggressive half century, Valley seemed out of the match at 100/5 before a 83 run stand between Nick Cook and John Flinton (38) saw them in contention once more. Cook went on to register a fine 51 before being out with the score 199/9. With the clouds gathering and the light diminishing credit must go to both sides in the efforts to secure a result but with Scott Jackson and Jermaine White at the crease and with just 10 runs required and 32 balls left, the heavens eventually opened and the players rushed from the field at 8:40pm.

Heslerton II 94 all out lost to Forge Valley III 155/7 by 61 runs

The thirds continued their good run with a fine win at Heslerton II. Young Liam Glaves shone with the bat as he made his maiden senior half century, before being dismissed for 62 (6x4). He found good support from Ian Fleming who himself registered a fluent 57 (7x4). A total of 155/7 proved too much for the hosts as the bowling duo of Phil Lee (4/8) and Alex Glass, who registered his first five wicket haul for Valley, claiming career best figures of 6/36 as they shattered Heslerton's reply.

Forge Valley IV 98 all out lost to Cayton III 103/2 by 8 wickets

Colin Arnott made a stubborn half century but his efforts were in vain as Cayton II ran home winners by 8 wickets