



# NORFOLK COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Good Morning,

It was a great start to the season with an emphatic opening day 105 run victory over Staffordshire CCC at West Bromwich & Dartmouth last Sunday

We took to the field without the experienced trio of seam bowlers Brett Stolworthy, Andy Hanby and Joe Everett but it was white-ball debutant Nathan Muggeridge who stepped up to the plate taking the first four Staffordshire wickets in an excellent spell as they never looked like chasing down our 312 for 8. We recovered from 52 for 3 to post the imposing total with a Norfolk record fourth wicket partnership in 50 over cricket of 160 by Alfie Cooper (89) and Charlie Hood (65). Professional Hami Qadri continued the momentum with a hard hitting 63 n.o. including five fours and three sixes to ensure the home team had a lot to do. The much-fancied Staffordshire side were dismissed for 207 in 42 overs with slow bowlers Qadri and Cameron Graveling helping themselves to two wickets apiece.

This Sunday we welcome Northumberland CCC to Sprowston, who themselves had an equally impressive victory over Bedfordshire CCC. Northumberland batted first posting 291 for 9 and then bowled out the visitors for 253.

We have named a squad of thirteen for Sunday's encounter due to fitness concerns with Brett and Andy. The starting eleven will be decided at the toss.

The Norfolk Coach Tom New said, "it was a great start at Staffs, and I was delighted with the all-round team performance. The batting and bowling were very good, and we were exceptional in the field. It was pleasing to see Nathan bowl so well on debut against a powerful batting line-up. Sunday will be a different challenge, and we need to be on our game because we know that Northumberland will be very competitive."

There is no game for Norfolk on Monday but the other 4 teams in the group do play therefore by Monday night the table will be taking shape as all will have played at least 2 games and some 3.

Norfolk squad: Sam Arthurton (Capt), Freddie Fairey, Ben Wilcox, Alfie Cooper, Charlie Hood (wk), Arthur Wilcox, Callum Metcalf, Hamidullah Qadri, Nathan Muggeridge, Lewis Reeder, Cameron Graveling, Brett Stolworthy and Andy Hanby.

Let's hope the weather plays ball and I shall look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

**Mike Hanby - Chair**