



NORFOLK COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

8th May 2026

Good Morning,

Many thanks to everyone who were at Sprowston to see the win over Northumberland. Your support was very much appreciated by the players and committee.

It was another good performance by the boys. We made 266 for 7 from 50 overs which proved too many for the visitors to chase and they were dismissed for 200 in the final over. Star of the show was skipper Sam Arthurton (119) who registered his seventh century in the competition to go one ahead of former Durham batsman Gary Pratt who played his last One Day match for Cumbria in 2023. Arthurton reached three figures from 123 balls and took his career aggregate in the competition past 2,500 runs. It was his 23rd century in all formats for Norfolk. Slow bowling duo Hami Qadri and Cameron Graveling picked up three wickets apiece.

This Sunday we visit Woodhall Spa CC to take on Lincolnshire CCC in our third Group 2 game. Lincs like Norfolk have won their two opening encounters therefore the scene is set for a match that could go a long way to deciding who will top the group. After Sunday Norfolk will have a home fixture on 17th May against Bedfordshire CCC whilst the Imp County will travel to Bignall End to face Staffordshire CCC. The incentive to top the group is a home quarter-final on 7th June with the runners-up playing away.

Lincolnshire started their campaign last Sunday, amassing 345 for 9 against Beds to win by 182 runs. On Monday they beat Northumberland by one wicket in a tight finish chasing down 262.

We have named an unchanged travelling party of 13 and Lincolnshire make three changes.

Norfolk Head Coach Tom New said, "after another excellent win we head to Woodhall Spa in good spirits for what will be another tough challenge. Big congratulations to Sam on achieving another milestone and we know there will be more to come from him. We are playing well as a team, with plenty of contributions across the board and I am confident if we play to our potential, we will come away victorious."

Norfolk CCC: 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 & Andy Hanby.

Lincs: Nick Keast (Capt), Finn Brookes, James Laud, Sam Evans, Tom Keast (wk), Jordan Cook, Pranav Pothula, Amartya Kaul, Feddie Gosnell, George Drewery, Tom Currie & Jake Ludlam.

Yours in cricket,
Mike Hanby - Chair