

The search for the Blackmore Vale Cup

Match report from game vs. Broadstone on Tuesday 2/6/2009. Quarter Finals of the Dorset Cup

After our East Dorset Successes, we knew this game would provide us with a stiff test.

Bournemouth batted first and losing Captain Dan Message in the 2nd over was not what we required. David Robert was soon to follow, leaving Harry Weal and Harry King to dig in and stabilise the innings.

At half way we had scored only 22. (After 10 overs) but we had wickets in hand, I thought a score of 90 to 100 would be a reasonable score to aim for at this point, although ambitious.

Just as it looked like the push was on we lost both Harry's (Harry Weal for 13 & Harry King for 12).

In strode Luke Matthews (12 yrs) and he promptly increased the run rate to just under 4 an over. Luke took the score from 35 for 4 to 77 for 8. Finishing with a very creditworthy 30 not out, with a bizarre 5 of the last ball, giving him a last ball retirement. With Extras being second highest score with 15 runs were clearly difficult to accumulate.

Obviously disappointed with 77, we discussed our chances and discussed tactics, and there is always a chance that sometimes the bowling can overcome with belief any score made, and with a similar performance from our bowlers to that of Broadstone, who knows?

So as the sunset on a warm summers evening Bournemouth, under Dan's captaincy we set about defending a low total. Dan and Chris bowled really well and after 6 overs Broadstone had scored only 15. Could the game get tight and pressure causes wickets??

Unfortunately and having to try something different, we gave away 19 runs in the next two overs leaving Broadstone in total control and wicket less. At drinks the game looked lost at 46 for 0. With one final motivational speech we continued to fight hard, only giving away a further 34 in the next 8 overs to lose with a few overs to spare with 4 wickets down.

Probably in the end Broadstone ran out well deserved winners, but the Bournemouth boys certainly walked off the pitch heads held high, after a solid bowling performance, with no bowling extras credited to Broadstone's score.

Huge credit must go to Dan and Chris who both bowled their 8 overs for a miserly 16, a great achievement.

So it's another year over. Lets track some huge positives out of this campaign.

We are under 13's East Dorset Champions.

We have a group of boys who worked hard and will take these experiences into their club sides, where we hope for continued good performances, plus 50% of this side will have another chance next year.

Thanks to Richard, Joe and Trevor for umpiring and thanks to Rik and Kevin for scoring. A big thanks to all parents, who drove their children around East Dorset, on these Tuesday evenings.

Neil Pack,
Blackmore Vale's U13 very proud with the boys achievement Manager.