

MATCH REPORT

BEASTS U11S V SUTTONERS

27 JUNE 2009

Having easily beaten Wimborne the previous week, we were in high spirits and anticipating another win against Suttoners who had not been very strong last season. Sadly it was not to be and we had what I hope will be our worst batting performance of the season! The final score was Suttoners 252 for 3 and Beasts 239 for 10!

We won the toss, well done Barney, so put them in to bat. Jamie was wicket keeper and Daniel, Henry Lander, Barney and Jack bowled the first four overs. We took no wickets and bowled a few wides so after the first pair they were on 224.

The same bowlers bowled again and we had a breakthrough in the seventh over with Barney getting a wicket. They hadn't scored anything other than a couple of singles, but we had given away a few wides which meant they were 231 after the second pair.

Jamie then swapped wicket keeping duties with Daniel, so joined Miles, Henry Lynk and Philip for the second half of bowling. Again there were a few wides sprinkled around but Henry Lynk managed a wicket in the eleventh over so Suttoners were on 242 at the end of their third pair.

We kept the same bowlers for the final pair and Jamie bowled the final over as he had been the most accurate. Philip's second over was much better than his first (he listened to my advice and made sure he got his bowling arm higher) and he was rewarded with a wicket. So the final pair brought Suttoners' score to 252 for 3.

We all thought that this was an easy target to reach but that was not the case. Miles and Dan opened the batting and were doing well on 223 after the first three overs, but then Suttoners' best bowler came on and bowled each of them in the fourth over. This meant our total was 215.

Next in were Barney and Henry Lander. Unfortunately Barney ran Henry out (just) at the end of the sixth over and then Barney was caught going for a big hit. Then he was bowled so he was not happy, but did manage a boundary before the end of their pair. They had added a net zero to our score which remained 215.

Our third pair was Jack and Henry Lynk. Unfortunately Jack was run out and Henry was bowled in the first over, then Henry was run out again and then bowled out in their final over. Jack did manage to hit a boundary though, but we had gone backwards to 202.

So we needed 51 to win from our last pair of Jamie and Philip. Philip was not feeling very confident having last batted against Christchurch and been out three times, but I told them we had nothing to lose so just go for it – and they did. Jamie hit two boundaries but was unfortunately bowled out. He scored off every playable ball except one that he faced, so that was all I could ask in the circumstances. Philip also put aside his nerves, hitting lots of singles and two boundaries and also only failed to score off two balls. He was also the only batsman not to get out. Between them our final pair added 31 runs off their bats, so with the extras that brought our final score to 239 for 10.

This was definitely not the team's best performance, but in amongst all the doom and gloom, Philip's performance both with ball and bat was a great improvement, for which he won joint man of the match with Jamie, who once again had bowled very accurately (0 /3 off 2 overs) and batted well with Philip.

We were a bit shell shocked with the number of wickets lost and we should have got more from our bowling. Perhaps it was the fault of the Thriller dance in celebration of any wickets we took as that seemed to affect concentration levels.....there again, I think it was a case of "Don't blame it on the sunshine, don't blame it on the moonlight, blame it on the batting".

Finally, thanks to Drew for umpiring again, I do appreciate it.

We can only go upwards from here, hopefully!

Rachel

Stats

Batting

Daniel 6/1; Henry Lander 6/1; Barney 9/2; Jack 8/1; Miles 10/1; Jamie 15/1; Philip 16 no; Henry Lynk 1/3
Total 71 runs Wickets lost 60 runs

Bowling (2 overs each)

Daniel 0/7; Henry Lander 0/8; Barney 1/12; Jack 0/10; Miles 0/8; Jamie 0/3; Philip 1/8; Henry Lynk 1/13

Wides/No Balls 19 giving 41 runs Byes/Leg Byes 1 giving 1 run Total Extras 42