

**Bournemouth Panthers –v- Bournemouth Leopards**  
**Under Tens Hardball Cricket**  
**Sunday 3 July 2009**

First match of the season, and the two Bournemouth teams were playing each other!

The Panthers were a new team with a new captain, Thomas Cole. At the toss Thomas called Tails and lost. His captain from last year, Jack Underwood chose to field.

**Panthers Innings**

The Panthers were one player short, meaning that the lowest scoring of the opening pair would bat twice. Thomas quickly sorted out his batting order and walked out to open with Ben Jones.

Jack opened the attack and three singles and a wide were conceded. Harrison bowled the second over conceding 2 runs, but clean bowling Ben J with the first ball he faced – a really fast one that sent the bails flying nearly to the boundary. I'm glad I wasn't facing it!! Ben Thompson and Lewis Underwood bowled the remaining two over for this pair, again bowling well and restricting them to singles, until 2 balls from the end when Ben J hit Lewis for 4. Thomas and Ben J's running was excellent throughout the four overs they batted together and the opening pair put on 19 runs less 1 wicket to take the score to 213.

Sam Cornish and Sam Trellis were next in for the Panthers. Ben Spotswood playing his first game bowled a great first over only conceding 1 run. Sam F followed up with 1 wide and the first of Sam Trellis' 4s. Sam P bowled next and Sam T also hit him for 4. The final over for the pair was bowled by Ben S again and was as good as his first over, taking the wicket of Sam Cornish and only conceding one 4 and a single to Sam T. After two pairs the score stood at 228.

Next in were Joshua Halderthay and Will Taylor. Lewis Underwood bowled the first over and Josh hit 2 consecutive fours from legside balls. The over conceded 11. Captain Jack changed his plans at this time and brought himself back on to bowl. He slowed things right down in a great over, bowling Will twice and only conceding 1 run. Continuing to attack, Jack brought Ben T back who also took a wicket while only conceding 5 runs. There was also a run out in this over. Sam F came back for the last over and bowled well only conceding one wide. After three pairs the score stood at 223.

Last in were captain Thomas batting again and Sam Taylor. Sam C bowled his second over and conceded 10 including a 4 to Thomas. For the last three overs of the match, Jack brought back his "quicks" with Harrison bowling overs 14 and 16, and Jack bowling over 15. The bowling was fast and good, but both batsman attacked and Thomas scored a 4 off Jack. Attacking Harrison he hit one in the air which was caught well. Off the last ball of the innings, Sam Taylor hit Harrison for 4, the first time anyone had done this in the match.

The final score was 244, which looked low. The Leopards had bowled really well only conceding 10 wides in the whole innings and taking 7 wickets.

## **Leopards Innings**

First pair in were Ben Thompson and Sam F. Ben T attacked from the start, hitting Ben Jones for two 4s in a well bowled first over that conceded 10. Sam Taylor bowled the second over taking the wicket of Ben T first ball with a slower one that took middle stump. 7 runs were scored from the over. Thomas Cole bowled next, again with 7 of the over. Sam Trellis bowled the last over. Another good over, with 10 runs conceded but the wicket of Sam T, keeping the score for this pair down to 222. Leopards were ahead of the run rate and ahead of where Panthers were after one pair.

Next in were Ben Spotswood and Lewis Underwood. They faced four really well bowled overs - one from Sam Cornish, two from Joshua Halderthay and one from Sam Trellis. Josh bowling for the first time only conceded 5 runs and bowled tight to the stumps. The 2 Sams were both unlucky not to get wickets. After two pairs the score stood at 234, slightly ahead of where Panthers were.

The third pair were Morgan and Sam Pluck. Facing an all out Sam attack they batted well but with each of the Sams, Cornish, Taylor and in a wicket maiden Trellis all taking a wicket and Morgan also being run out, the score ended on 216. For the first time Leopards were behind and suddenly the pressure was on!

Marching confidently to the crease the last pair of Captain Jack and Harrison, played some good sensible cricket. Ben J returned for his second over and conceded 9. Having been hit for 4 by an advancing Harrison his next ball was a great reply, spearing it in onto the toes of Harrison – a good come back. Thomas bowled a good over, conceding 10 including another Harrison 4. He mixed his balls up well, to keep Harrison from scoring more. With two overs to go, Leopards needed 10 to win. Ben J bowled the 15th over and again it was good conceding only 6 runs, but again Harrison managed a 4. Captain Thomas bowled the last over, and despite some good bowling he conceded 15 runs including three 4s. Bowling the last over is never easy!

Leopards finished on 256 for 6. Panthers did an excellent job in the field, bowling and fielding really well and only bowling 8 wides, 2 less than the Leopards. There were a few missed stumping chances, but the Panthers showed they are as good a team as the Leopards. The rematch on Fathers Day should be good!!

## **Points**

Leopards got 10 points for winning and 5 batting bonus points. Panthers got 4 batting bonus points.

## **Panthers Players of the Match**

This week the captain, Thomas Cole, won the batting award, for his performance batting last and for his great start to captaincy. It was a close thing with Sam Trellis a very close second.

In the field, everyone played exceptionally well, but Sam Taylor with 2 for 10 of 3 overs, a catch and for carrying on after a nasty knee injury got the vote.

Mike Jones, Manager, Panthers

## Statistics - Panthers

Batsman	Balls	Runs	Fours	Wickets	Net Runs	Strike Rate
Thomas Cole	27	18	2	1	12	67%
Ben Jones	12	8	1	1	2	67%
Sam Cornish	7	1	-	1	(5)	14%
Sam Trellis	17	13	3	-	13	76%
Joshua Halderthay	10	10	2	1	4	100%
Will Taylor	14	-	-	3	(18)	-
Sam Taylor	7	6	1	-	6	86%
Extras					30	

Strike rate is calculated as runs divided by balls faced excluding wides (which earn 2 extra runs each)

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Average Runs/Over	Wickets
Ben Jones	3	-	23	7.7	-
Sam Taylor	3	-	10	3.3	2
Thomas Cole	3	-	31	10.3	-
Sam Trellis	3	1	11	3.7	2
Sam Cornish	2	-	9	4.5	1
Joshua Halderthay	2	-	5	2.5	-

Sixth wicket was a run out

Byes not included in runs conceded

Thomas and Ben's totals include 2 overs each bowled at Harrison conceding 25 and 15 runs respectively!!

## Statistics - Leopards

Batsman	Balls	Runs	Fours	Wickets	Net Runs	Strike Rate
Ben Thompson	12	17	3	1	11	142%
Sam F	12	10	1	1	4	83%
Ben Spotswood	13	1	-	-	1	8%
Lewis Underwood	11	3	-	-	3	27%
Morgan	11	2	-	2	(10)	18%
Sam Pluck	13	-	-	2	(12)	-
Harrison	18	29	5	-	29	161%
Jack Underwood	6	7	1	-	7	117%
Extras					23	

Strike rate is calculated as runs divided by balls faced excluding wides (which earn 2 extra runs each)

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Average Runs/Over	Wickets
Jack Underwood	3	-	12	4.0	2
Harrison	3	-	12	4.0	2
Ben Thompson	2	-	8	4.0	2
Lewis Underwood	2	-	17	8.5	-
Ben Spotswood	2	-	6	3.0	1
Sam F	2	-	8	4.0	-
Sam Pluck	2	-	18	9.0	-

Byes not included in runs conceded