

## MATCH REPORT

### U11S BEASTS V BROADSTONE

#### (CUP)

21 MAY 2009

Against some people's predictions, I'm delighted to say that the Beasts got off to a great winning start in the Cup on Thursday, securing 19 points against Broadstone. This was our first Cup match as we had had to cancel the match against Parley due to a waterlogged pitch.

We knew Broadstone would be hard to beat as they have a number of County and District players and we have none at U11 (yet). Unfortunately we were without Jamie H-C who was off scouting for girls but we had great reinforcements from our U10s in Jack Underwood and Harrison Clarke.

Barney Clarke (no relation!) was captain and managed to win the toss for once and rightly opted to field so that we stood a chance of maximising our points by chasing Broadstone's total if we got it with wickets in hand. Barney had decided that Henry Lynk should be wicket keeper for the match and that everyone else would get to bowl at least one over. We were out to win, so the team accepted that we would use our best bowlers to the maximum allowed (4 overs) as we knew that this would also be Broadstone's strategy.

Henry Lander opened the bowling with a bang – 2 balls, 2 wickets, the first one caught and bowled!! Suddenly Broadstone didn't look as invincible as we had thought! After Henry's 2 wicket maiden, Philip Sargeant came on and bowled straight but got hit for a couple of singles and a couple of fours by Broadstone's best batsmen. As Henry had done so well, Barney brought him back on and, showing great speed of attack, he bowled out their captain! We did let a couple of byes go, but at the end of the third over Broadstone were 16 for 3, all down to Henry.

Barney bowled the next over, with one wide and a few runs hit off him, then Miles Hooker did the same followed by Tommy Williams who only conceded 4 runs. After 6 overs Broadstone were 36 for 3 and their batsmen were beginning to look comfortable, running byes and quick singles. Next to bowl was Harrison followed by Jack, who managed to set the batsman up for a sky high shot that Henry Lander caught, so we had the breakthrough wicket we needed so the opposition were 47 for 4 after 8 overs.

Henry came back on and delivered with another wicket, and only 1 run added. Daniel Jones bowled the next over well, with the batsmen only managing to score off two balls. Tommy then bowled his second over, again doing well with only 6 scored from a wide and a boundary. Then Harrison came back on and took two more brilliant wickets, so with 12 overs gone, Broadstone were 65 for 7. We only needed one more wicket and we would have them all out.

Henry, Harrison and Miles all bowled another over but we couldn't get that last wicket. The problem was one of their batsmen was staying put and he eventually hit his 25 runs and had to retire. Barney then brought himself

back on for the 16<sup>th</sup> over with Jack and Daniel lined up for the final two. However after bowling a wide with his first ball Barney hit the stumps with his round the wicket off spin and Broadstone were all out for 83. We had given them 40 runs in extras, something we need to work on reducing, but Henry and Harrison's bowling had been brilliant. Henry ended on 4 for 6 off 4 and Harrison 2 for 9 off 3. Henry Lynk had kept wicket well given the different pace of bowling he had to contend with!

We were not expecting Broadstone to give us many extras so we knew we had to run when we could, but we didn't want any run outs. Daniel and Miles opened the batting and Daniel did brilliantly to fend off their fast bowler's attack for the whole over. He didn't score but he defended his wicket very well. Miles faced the second over and managed a single but sadly Daniel was bowled out shortly after.

Harrison went in next and started what was going to be a math winning innings, scoring 4 boundaries, our only player to get a boundary. Miles scored 5 before he was bowled in the third over, so in went Jack to partner Harrison. We were 2 for 21 after 5 overs, so playing a steady game and on target to reach Broadstone's total.

Jack and Harrison batted well together and Broadstone gave away a lot of extras so we had 41 runs added to our score before Jack was bowled out in the 12<sup>th</sup> over having scored 4. So we were 62 for 3 with 6 overs to go.

Henry Lander was next to bat and he did well to stay at the crease for 3 overs, scoring 4, before he was bowled. The score was 77 for 4 with 2 overs to go. In the meantime Harrison had to retire as he had scored a fantastic 25, which meant Barney went in next. He decided to try to make sure that we got the runs before we ran out of overs, but unfortunately he was caught on his second ball without having scored. 77 for 5. Philip had replaced Henry so now we have him and Tommy at the crease. Philip scored 3 runs and we had 1 over and 1 ball left to play and 4 runs needed to win. Fortunately the bowler who had got both Henry and Barney then bowled a no ball that Tommy hit for 2 and we had won!

We scored 45 runs and Broadstone gave us 39 extras, so it was an equal match all round as we gave them 40. Neither side had any run outs either – is this because you are out when you're out...!!!!

Deciding on man of the match was difficult. Henry Lander's bowling had been magnificent and he'd caught the player for Jack's wicket. However Harrison had delivered a great all round performance, playing up a year too, so he got my vote. I know that some of you may feel that you didn't get much of a game and I will make sure that we change the batting order next time so that you all get a good chance to bat, but our tactics paid off and we got that all important win. It was a team effort, so you should all be very pleased with yourselves.

We have a couple of weeks off now, next match on Saturday 13 June against Christchurch in the League.

Finally, thanks to Drew for umpiring – another brilliant performance in his first Cup match!

Rachel

## Batting

Daniel 0; Miles 5; Harrison Clarke 25 retired; Jack 8; Henry Lander 4; Barney 0; Philip 3 no; Tommy 2 no; Henry Lynk dnb

## Bowling

Daniel 1 over 0/5; Miles 2 overs 0/13; Harrison C 3 overs 2/9; Jack 1 over 1/6; Henry Lander 4 overs 4/6; Barney 1.33 overs 1/10; Philip 1 over 0/12; Tommy 2 overs 0/10;

Wides/No Balls 13 giving 30 runs      Byes/Leg Byes 9 giving 9 runs      Total Extras 39