

## **East Dorset Cup Final.**

### **Bournemouth Vs Parley Played Thursday 21/5/2009**

Bournemouth won the toss on a warm summers evening and on a good strip found runs hard to come by, but played out Parley's opening bowler Williams with dogged defence and a little luck.

Having lost captain message to a good ball from Williams David Roberts & Harry Weal batted well to get Bournemouth's score up to 44, before Harry chipped a drive to Mid Off.

With David Roberts now in and hitting the ball cleanly a 35 run partnership ensued with Harry King in double quick time with the pair scoring at 7 an over for the next five overs. Just as it looked like David would retire, we lost two quick wickets leaving a new pair of Andrew Armstrong and Luke Matthews at the crease. With seven overs remaining and a score of 80 for 4 the game could have gone either way. Thankfully with some resolute batting and a final flurry of 22 of the last three overs Bournemouth finished with a good total of 130 for 4 with Andrew 15 not out and Luke not out again on 24.

This was a great effort from the batting side, and put Parley under immediate pressure.

Coaching points. Only one: - we need to run the first run quickly. We missed a rough estimate of 7 + runs by not running a second and pushing for three. This is part of the game, and must be improved, if we are to venture to final stages.

Onto the bowling. Dan opened the bowling and struck in his first over dismissing danger man Williams for 0. Chris Lees Scott was soon to follow Dan into the wickets with the bowling of the other opener with his first ball of his spell. With continued good bowling from the four pace bowlers Parley were left with lots to do, as after 8 overs the score was only 32 for 3. Parley continued to battle and Dom Clutterbuck (11 yrs) played a good innings and with support from County Colleague Matt Scobie looked to be setting up their team for a final 10 an over onslaught with wickets in hand.

Thankfully and with great satisfaction, a great bit of ground fielding and an accurate direct hit run out by Harry McMullen, ran out danger man Scobie. With Scobie gone and another run out to follow, this left Parley with too much to do and at the end of the 20th over Parley had made 106 for 6.

Coaching points.

We must get the ball up to the bat more often. Our length was far from good generally, and a stronger batting side would have made more of some half-track bowling. Thankfully we did enough and came out comfortable winners.

Well done to Dan again for his captaincy. The spirit of the side looks good, and lets hope this can continue into the regional finals.

The next match is likely to be on the 2/6/2009 pending the booking of the pitch. I will contact you to confirm details once finalised.

Man of the Match goes to David Roberts. A good batting display under pressure with some steady bowling in support.

Many thanks to Joe for umpiring.

**I will be refunding money collected, as I was unaware of the fact we don't charge for national knockout competitions. I will get the money back to you via Sue for the next game.**

Looking at the side, I envisage no changes, subject to availability,

Well done everybody. "East Dorset Champions". It's a great achievement.

Now for the Dorset Cup?

Neil Pack.