

**Hamworthy –v- Bournemouth Pumas
Under Nines Hardball Cricket
Saturday 16 May 2009**

Second match of the season, and we won the toss! Ben chose to bowl first.

Hamworthy Innings

The first pair faced overs from Ben Jones, Josh Halderthay, Lewis Underwood and Lawrence Clarke. This pair ran well together with three byes of the first over, seven singles and one boundary. With three wides the score after the first pair was 220. We needed some wickets!

The second pair faced Josh and Nathan Blackford, adding 3 byes, 3 runs and 4 wides, but were run out twice by Sam Taylor. After 2 overs they left the pitch due to injury to return at the end. After six overs, Hamworthy were 222 for 2.

The third pair faced overs from Ben Spotswood, Lawrence Garlick, Sam Taylor and Ben J. They hit one boundary, ran 2 singles and a leg bye, but there was also a third run out for Sam T. Ben bowled his second maiden over, leaving the score after 10 overs at 231 for 3.

The final pair faced overs from Nathan, Sam (2) and Ben S. They hit one boundary, ran 16 runs and 2 wides. With 2 overs to go Hamworthy were 251 for 3.

The second pair returned and face Lewis and then Ben J in the last over. They ran 6 runs and 8 were added from wides. Ben pulled back 6 with a wicket from the second from last ball. Hamworthy finished on 259 for 4, including 30 scored from 15 wides!

At least extras were 20 less than last week, so progress but we need to keep working on the wides. Sam bowled no wides, Ben S 1, Nathan 3, and everyone else 2. The promise of chocolate if we concede less than 20 runs from wides still stands!!

Pumas Innings

Josh and Nathan opened. They ran well, scoring 10 runs, which with 5 wides (one of which went to the boundary), but losing one wicket. After the first pair the score was 216 for 1. Unfortunately the score for the wide boundary was recorded as only 4 runs, so the official score was 212.

Second in were Ben S and Lewis. Ben hit a boundary in a pair total including wides of 17 for 2. Lewis was bowled round his legs by the best ball I've seen from a nine year old and Ben S was run out. 2 runs were missed in the first over scoring, so this was shown as 15. So after two pairs we were 233 for 3.

Next in were the two Lawrences. They batted well against some good bowling, with only one mistake – a run out to the same fielder who had run Ben S out. After three pairs we were 243 for 4 (shown as 237 on the scoreboard).

Last pair were Ben J and Sam, thinking they needed 23 to win, when actually it was actually only 17. They ran well between the wickets except for two run outs. The first was a bad mistake running when a fielder with two runs out already had the ball in his hand. The second run out was in the last over when they were chasing runs. Ben was bowled swishing in the third over, and with one over to go we needed 5 to win, although the scoreboard said 11.

This caused a run out and Sam was also out caught. These wickets might not have fallen if the score was right, who knows! With 3 scored off a wide, and a 2 run we would have won with two balls to go. Unfortunately with two balls to go we thought we needed 16!! With the pressure off Ben hit these for a 4, and the first 6 of his career.

We finished on 258 for 8, losing by 1 run.

I said that anyone who batted sensibly and didn't get out to a swish or a run out would get chocolate. Nathan, Ben S, Lawrence G, and Sam all won a kit kat.

Lessons to learn

We still need to work on bowling less wides.

When batting we need to watch the pairs in front of us and learn who the good bowlers are and which fielders you don't run on, and which you do!

We need someone to take on the scorer role permanently – it's a difficult job! I also need to check the scores at the end for addition errors.

It was a close match!

Points

No points for losing, but we get 5 bonus batting points.

Pumas Players of the Match

In the field everyone did well. The two Lawrence's both kept wicket well, and Ben J bowled two maidens and took a wicket in the last over, his third. Sam bowled no wides (the only player to achieve this) and his three run outs were excellent. In a good all round fielding performance I decided that the debutant, Nathan, should win the fielding award for bowling figures of 10 for 0 from 2 overs.

With the bat there were a few too many mistakes – eight wickets is too many! It lost us 48 runs. Ben J's 4 and 6 off the last two balls were impressive, but his loss of two wickets stopped him winning two weeks in a row. For some good sensible straight batting this week's winner was Lawrence G.

Mike Jones, Manager, Pumas

Statistics - Pumas

Batsman	Balls	Runs	Fours	Sixes	Wickets	Net Runs	Strike Rate
Josh Halderthay	14	7	-	-	1	1	50%
Nathan Blackford	6	3	-	-	-	3	50%
Ben Spotswood	4	5	1	-	½	2	125%
Lewis Underwood	7	-	-	-	1½	(9)	-
Lawrence Clarke	15	3	-	-	½	-	20%
Lawrence Garlick	7	6	-	-	½	3	86%
Ben Jones	16	24	1	1	2	12	150%
Sam Taylor	4	5	-	-	2	(7)	125%
Extras						53	

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

Run outs shared between batsmen

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Average Runs/Over	Wickets
Ben Jones	3	2	9	3.0	1
Josh Halderthay	2	-	7	3.5	-
Lewis Underwood	2	-	12	6.0	-
Lawrence Clarke	1	-	7	7.0	-
Nathan Blackford	2	-	10	5.0	-
Ben Spotswood	2	-	16	8.0	-
Lawrence Garlick	1	-	4	4.0	-
Sam Taylor	3	-	12	4.0	-

Byes not included in runs conceded

Statistics – Pumas – Year to Date (2 matches)

Batsman	Balls	Runs	Fours	Sixes	Wickets	Net Runs	Strike Rate
Nathan Blackford	6	3	-	-	-	3	50%
Lawrence Clarke	22	7	-	-	½	4	32%
Josh Cook	9	3	-	-	-	3	33%
Jacob Feldman	13	3	-	-	1	(3)	23%
Lawrence Garlick	21	7	-	-	1½	(2)	33%
Joshua Halderthay	14	7	-	-	1	1	50%
Ben Jones	31	47	3	1	2	35	152%
Ben Spotswood	17	9	2	-	3½	(12)	53%
Sam Taylor	16	24	1	-	2	12	151%
Lewis Underwood	16	-	-	-	2½	(15)	-
Extras						85	

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

Run outs shared between batsmen

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Average Runs/Over	Wickets
Nathan Blackford	2	-	10	5.0	-
Lawrence Clarke	3	-	18	6.0	-
Josh Cook	2	-	9	4.5	-
Jacob Feldman	2	-	9	4.5	-
Lawrence Garlick	2	-	11	5.5	-
Joshua Halderthay	2	-	7	3.5	-
Ben Jones	6	2	15	2.5	1
Ben Spotswood	4	-	26	6.5	-
Sam Taylor	5	-	16	3.2	1
Lewis Underwood	4	-	19	4.8	-

Byes not included in runs conceded