

**Bournemouth Pumas –v- Broadstone
Under Nines Hardball Cricket
Saturday 9 May 2009**

First match of the season, and we started off where we left off last year – losing the toss! Broadstone chose to bat first.

Broadstone Innings

Captain Ben Jones bowled the first over, and bowled a tight line only conceding one run. Sam Taylor bowled next, bowling one wide and conceding one run but getting the first wicket. Ben Spotswood bowled next, giving four wides and Lewis Underwood bowled the last over another good one only conceding one run. So with the first pair finished, Broadstone had 207.

The next pair in faced Josh Cook who bowled well only conceding two wides. Jacob Feldman bowled the second and fourth overs to this pair, conceding four wides and one run. In the middle Lawrence Garlick bowled one over for eight. At the halfway stage Broadstone were 228.

The third pair faced overs from Ben Spotswood, two from Lawrence Clarke and one from Sam Taylor. Ben S bowled much better only conceding two runs, and Lawrence C did well only conceding 11 runs from his two overs. Sam came close to picking up a couple more wickets, and conceded only one run. After three pairs Broadstone were on 242.

The last pair faced overs from Josh Cook, Lewis Underwood and two from Ben Jones including the last over. Josh bowled four wides, so not as good as his first over. Ben J then conceded five runs including a wide, and Lewis bowled well nearly getting a wicket before being hit for 4 in an over that conceded 6 runs. The last over from Ben was excellent with only one run conceded, and he was only denied wickets by some excellent defensive batting (note: no swishing!!).

Broadstone finished on 262 for 1.

This total included 50 extras. We need to work on reducing the wides. If the score from wides drops below 20, then the chocolate is on me!

Pumas Innings

Lewis Underwood and Ben Spotswood (on debut) batted first. They were sent out with the instruction not to swish but to bat sensibly and we could win. Unfortunately there was some swishing, and Ben S was bowled three times, and run out once! He did hit a great 4 though!! After one pair our score had reduced to 193.

Next in were Lawrence Clarke and Jacob Feldman. Jacob was on debut, and this pair followed the “no-swish” rule until the last over, when Jacob forgot and was bowled. As a pair they added 9 to the score, so at the halfway stage we were 202 for 5.

Our third pair were Josh Cook and Lawrence Garlick, who both played some good shots all of which unfortunately found fielders. Lawrence G swished once and was bowled. After three pairs the score was still 202 for 6.

Last in were captain Ben Jones and Sam Taylor. With a mountain to climb, they set off from base camp. The first over went for 13 with Ben hitting two 4s. He is convinced the first would have gone for six if Joe hadn't got in the way – great half stop, which must have hurt! The two middle overs went for 7 and 4 against some good bowling.

With one over to go we were on 226, needing 36 to win. The wicket keeper told Ben J that was 6 sixes! Broadstone brought back their best bowler for his third over. His first two overs had gone for 11 runs taking 1 wicket. Ben and Sam had a lot of fun in this over, running two on wides, Sam hitting a four off a beamer no ball, and generally creating panic in the fielding side. The spectators were getting very excited as in a 10 ball over they added 28 runs.

The Pumas finished on 254 for 6, losing by 8 runs.

Lessons to learn

We need to bowl less wides.

We need to bat sensibly, not trying to swish at balls heading for the stumps!

One less wide and one less swish and we would have drawn this match.

Points

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

Pumas Players of the Match

With the ball only three players stood out, Ben Jones, Sam Taylor and Lewis Underwood. In the field Lawrence Garlick did well in his spell as wicket keeper – something I hope he keeps working at.

With the bat again Ben J and Sam stood out, although Lawrence C and Josh both deserve a mention for not getting out.

Ben J and Sam could both have won either award, but because Sam got a wicket and Ben scored slightly more runs the bowling award went to Sam and the batting award to Ben.

Mike Jones, Manager, Pumas

Statistics - Pumas

Batsman	Balls	Runs	Fours	Wickets	Net Runs	Strike Rate
Lewis Underwood	9	-	-	1	(6)	-
Ben Spotswood	13	4	1	3	(14)	31%
Lawrence Clarke	7	4	-	-	4	57%
Jacob Feldman	13	3	-	1	(3)	23%
Josh Cook	9	3	-	-	3	33%
Lawrence Garlick	14	1	-	1	(5)	7%
Ben Jones	15	23	2	-	23	153%
Sam Taylor	12	19	1	-	19	158%
Extras					32	

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	-	6	2.0	-
Sam Taylor	2	-	4	2.0	1
Ben Spotswood	2	-	10	5.0	-
Lewis Underwood	2	-	7	3.5	-
Josh Cook	2	-	12	6.0	-
Jacob Feldman	2	-	9	4.5	-
Lawrence Garlick	1	-	7	7.0	-
Lawrence Clarke	2	-	11	5.5	-

Byes not included in runs conceded