

Match Report - Blackmore Vale County Cup Quarter Final Bournemouth v Kilmington

What a great night. A fine game of cricket, played in the right spirit and with the right result for Bournemouth.

A bright and breezy evening at Chapel Gate, C1. An excellent pitch Match reduced to 18 overs per side due to the late arrival of the Kilmington team. Kilmington won the toss and asked Bournemouth to bat.

We made a solid start, with Andrew Armstrong and Harry Weal putting on 31 runs in 5 overs before Andrew was bowled for 19 by Tom Wakeling. Harry was then joined by Luke Matthews and the pair pushed the score along nicely until Harry retired on 32* followed by Luke on 30*. After 12 overs we were 94-1 and looking good. However, as always, wickets change matches and a double strike in the 13th slowed things down a little. First Stanley Ellis was bowled by Ryan Down for 4, and the very next ball Nick Morris was run out without facing! Bournemouth 94-3.

Liam Keogh (8) and Joe Lillis (7) were looking good until they each fell victim to a Guy-Knapp. The first clean bowled by Charlie, and the second by his brother Seth. James Fisher was then run out for 8. Paul Rutland (15*) and Connor Cullingford (1*) were there at the close, 37 runs having been added in the last 4 overs.

Bournemouth 140-6. An excellent all round performance, and a total that I was confident we could defend.

My confidence was not misplaced. Liam Keogh struck twice in the 2nd over, first having Tom Wakeling caught behind by Luke Matthews for 4 and then clean bowling Charlie Guy-Knapp also for 4. This was to become a theme! In the 4th over Liam had James Townsend caught by Andrew for 4. Kilmington 18-3 and in some trouble.

Liam increased their agony by dismissing Ryan Down (caught Lillis) for 1 and then Andrew bowled Alex Maudsley for - guess what - 4! All this time opener Seth Guy-Knapp had been hanging in there gamely, but eventually had to retire with a well earned 33*. After 9 overs Kilmington were 48-5 and slipping well behind the required rate.

Bournemouth were certainly not going to let them off the hook, and aggressive field placings were a constant threat and made runs hard to come by. Harry brought himself on to bowl and immediately accounted for Luke Farrington (stumped Matthews) for 6, and Bron Wood (Caught Lillis) for 0. Stanley Ellis then bowled Charlie Down for 0 and **Kilmington** were all finished at **70-8** in 13.1 overs. Their last player was a much younger Guy-Knapp (where do they all come from?) who they obviously did not consider worthwhile risking given the state of the match.

Bournemouth win by 70 runs. An emphatic victory.

Wicket taking bowlers for Bournemouth were:-

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| Liam | 3 overs | 4-12 | (Well done!) |
| Harry | 1 over | 2-5 | |
| Andrew | 3 overs | 1-20 | |
| Stanley | 0.1 over | 1-0 | (That must be some kind of record!) |