

Under 13s Cup Bournemouth Lions v Broadstone

On a warm and sunny evening at Chapel Gate, Broadstone won the toss and asked Lions to bat. Unfortunately, we made a dreadful start losing both Andrew and Harry in the first over, each clean bowled for a duck. Nick quickly followed in the 3rd after scoring just 4, and it was looking very bleak at 8-3. Carlos and Paul did manage to dig in for a few overs, but then Carlos was dismissed for 11 and Paul followed shortly after for 7, leaving us struggling on 37-5.

Time for a hero, and an opportunity for someone to make a name for himself, but it was not to be. Josh chipped in with 10, and Jacob 9, but Oliver went for our 3rd duck of the evening leaving Alex stranded on 1 n/o. **Bournemouth 50 a/o** from 15 overs, and an early night looming.

Interesting to note that all our batsmen were clean bowled, Chris Metcalfe bagging a 'fifer' for Broadstone. I'm told that the ball was swinging wildly, but then of course it always is. Must be some lessons to learn here lads. There were some good shots, but also some lack of patience in just waiting for the bad ball. We need to learn how to defend and re-group after a difficult start. To finish the innings with 5 overs in hand is really a shame, as even if we had just added another 25 runs, it would have given us something to bowl at.

Would the ball swing as much for us in the second innings? Apparently not, as we managed to take just 1 wicket, a good catch by Carlos from Paul's bowling.

Broadstone knocked off the required total in just 8 overs, and I have to say that we didn't make it too difficult for them, as our fielding was unusually a little lack-lustre. **Broadstone 53-1**, and Lions out of the Cup for another year. Thanks to Mark Rutland for umpiring, and the continued crowd support is appreciated.

There's still the league, of course, and I'm sure that we'll win more than we lose this season. No game next week (Bank Holiday), so the next is on **June 7th, against the Tigers**. We can't afford to lose that one!!