

Bournemouth Badgers 231 v Parley 238 Sunday 15 May 2011

A close run thing.

After being put into bat, there was an improved performance all round on the previous match, against some consistent bowling (and one "thrower"). Luke was outstanding, with 20no at the end, and Matt Y and Lawrence had got the team off to a fair start, but we still lost too many wickets, eight, of which five were clean bowled. Too many of the batsmen were still hitting across the line to straight balls.

The total was probably 20/30 runs too few, but an excellent bowling and fielding performance kept the game in the balance right to the end. Elliott's 2-3 from two overs including an excellent caught and bowled was the pick, together with Matt Y's 1-6 from three overs, but everyone did well, with good catches in the field from Lawrence and Finlay also.

Bearing in mind we had two players playing their first matches for the club, and two more in only their second, this was a really encouraging performance, and I am looking forward to seeing more of the same against Bransgore next week.