

### **Bournemouth Badgers 255 v Parley 224**

An excellent all round performance. Well done boys.

We lost the toss, and were put in to bat. Lawrence and Matt Y got us off to an excellent start with an unbroken stand of 33, each boy scoring 13no. Just what was needed.

The middle pairs then struggled against some accurate Parley bowling. The five wickets lost were a mixture, but my main observations would be firstly that there is still too much hitting across the line, but in particular the boys should concentrate more on moving their feet towards the ball – all four were a bit too tentative, and need to be more positive in their approach.

Luke and Matt F then ensured that we posted a really competitive total, making 29 between them, with Matt F the top scorer today (19no) and losing only one wicket, to a run out (there was never a run there – whose call was that?).

255 was definitely a decent score, against a Parley team missing their best batsman on County duty, but they would have struggled today even with him in, against an excellent bowling and fielding performance all round. Lawrence got us off to a great start with an accurate spell, and all the boys contributed either with wickets or tight bowling. Highlights included Matt Y with his three overs costing only six runs and taking two wickets.

I should stress again that the fielding really was excellent, as was the organisation and encouragement on the field. Our bowlers and fielders were into position much quicker than theirs, and knew what their jobs were.

Well done again, and also thanks to the parents for their positive encouragement to all the boys – this is very important, in particular when not everything goes well – thanks from me!