

Indoor League Under 10's – Quarter Final

Broadstone –v- Pumas

We lost the toss but Broadstone chose to field, which suited us.

Bournemouth Innings

Will and Lawrence opened this week, and struggled a bit against some good bowling. With two run outs and a wicket, they added 12 to the total.

Sam and Kofi were in next. They each lost their wicket once, but did well with an excellent last over, putting real pressure on the fielding side. They added 42 runs, with Sam scoring 17 of 10 balls – a strike rate of 170%.

Last in were Ben and Lewis. The momentum from Sam and Kofi's last offer continued, with 18 runs of the first over, 24 each of the next two and 26 of the last over. Lewis was bowled once (a really unlucky ball that hit the base of the stumps) and well caught by a fielder. Ben scored 28 off 8 balls (a strike rate of 350%) and didn't lose his wicket –an indoor first I think! Ben and Lewis did some excellent running between the wickets and put real pressure on the fielding side, scoring 9 off one ball (2 runs, plus 3 walls – 2 of them over throws!). They added 74 – our best indoor partnership of the season.

We finished on 328, a bit below par (360ish?) but we were in with a shout.

Broadstone Innings

I'm not sure what happened, but we struggled in the field. Sam was the best bowler with 49 runs and 1 wicket from his three overs. However all the bowlers averaged between 16 and 21 runs per over, when usually they can all bowl at around 10-12 runs per over indoors.

In the field Kofi ran two batsmen out with some really fast racing to the wicket ball in hand, and Lawrence (our wicket keeper) had an excellent catch to get the third wicket.

Broadstone finished on 406, and go through to play Parley B in the semi-final. We wish them all the best in what will be a difficult match.

Man of the Match

This week Ben was my choice for his batting performance and for his vastly improved running between the wickets.

We have played five games and it is great to see that everyone has won the award, starting with "Superman" (Lewis) in the first game for his bowling. Kofi won for his batting in game 2, and Sam and Lawrence shared the honours in game 3. Will won it in the last group match, and the captain Ben today.

Summary

The boys were disappointed to lose. However they were playing up at under 10's and it was the view of all the parents that they have done a brilliant job. I'm really looking forward to seeing them all play in the summer. Their massively improved batting, fielding and running between the wickets will really boost us this summer. The bowling will get better with more chances to practice outdoors and I really think these boys can win something this summer! Maybe the Cup and League!!