

Christchurch Sat 1st Match Reports 2008

Cattistock 30th Aug. Home

Well i won the toss - which is quiet unusual, and we chose to bat. With a full compliment we started in the usual fashion 46 for no loss. Tony Robinson finally getting out on 48. Joe Malone and Ben Neversole both made starts 21 and 20 respectively. The skipper and Gareth Williams making the best partnershp with Ben on 50 and Gareth 22no. The bridge finally settling on 202 for 6.

After what can only be described as a dream start the visitors were on 58 off 27 overs for 4. Then we took our foot off the gas. The bowling was poor with the exception of Tony Robinson who was 12 overs 12 runs for 3. Catches were dropped and the fielding at times was average. Langford did the damage for Cattistock hitting 111no. Cattistock won the match with four balls to spare.

Lesson learned i think from our point of view. We were all guilty of taking our foot off the gas, which ultimately cost us the match. We still won the league just not the best way to finish the season. Well done and thank you to everyone who played this year, for me it has been one to remember.

Ben

Parley 2nd 23rd Aug. Away.

After winning the toss...unusual i know, we chose to bat first. To begin with it seemed like a good idea - after 7 overs we were 34 without loss. Then after the 8th over we were suddenly 38 for 2. Although the top five all made starts, no one went on to make any impact. Then after 27 overs things were looking bleak as we were 97 for 6. However batting all the way down the order does help. The skipper making 53 and Ryan Thorpe batting very well and reaching 31. The bridge finishing on a respectable 203 for 9.

Parley took to the pitch looking determined to make a go and tackle this score. But some very tight bowling by Tom Hughes and Tony Robinson ensured that after 25 overs they had only hit 54 with 4 wickets down. Although Parley reached 146 for 9 our score never really seemed in danger of being got. Scott Kelly also picking up 3 wickets and Paul Chapell putting himself in the running for catch of the year - a blinding catch at slip.

Another great win. We have won the league which is a great credit to each and every player, it truly has been a team effort. Only one game left, can we go unbeaten? I hope so, that would top an amazing year for this team. Well done to every player.

Ben

Hamworthy 2nd 16th Aug. Home

As usual i lost the toss and they chose to take the field in slightly overcast conditions. After loosing a wicket early doors Mikey Kitson and James Hook set about the opposition bowling with immense purpose. They made a season

record breaking partnership of 215. James Hook smashing an amazing 140 before the 40th over. Mikey Kitson 2 bowls short of carrying his bat score is maiden test hundred scoring 139. The bridge finally finishing on a season best of 355 for 6.

Although we came off for rain during the game it was clear that Hamworthy did not want to play. It was dragged out for as long as possible and any further stops for rain were going to halt the game permanently. After tea the heavens opened and the game was a no result. Although it does not effect our season it may have an adverse effect on Parley who we play next week.

Still unbeaten and it would be good to finish knowing that we won the league unbeaten. But we still have two games left and they are both tough games. Still work to do.

Ben

Child Okeford 26th July. Home

When it counts I win the toss!!! 27 degree heat and we chose to bat first. With a few players away this week it was important to make sure that everyone took responsibility and made some runs. Tony Robinson certainly did that making a fantastic century supported mainly by Joe Malone (60 no) in a 147 run partnership. With the bridge finally making 247 for 3 after there 45 overs.

Child Okeford came into bat looking to chase the score down and started well. However our bowling attack made it difficult for them to capitalise on a good early start. Kieron Burton the pick of the bowlers again picking up a 5for. Child Okeford finally coming to rest on 172 for 9 after there 45 overs.

Another fantastic win for the Church, we've done the hard work lets keep on going. Well done.

Ben

Weymouth 3rd, 19th July. Away

Another game and another toss lost, Weymouth deciding to bat first. Some fantastic bowling by Tony Robinson, James Dugan, Tom Hughes and Brett Custard but most notably by Daniel Miles -who bowled 3.4 overs, 2 wickets for only 4 runs. Weymouth never really got started either, and they were all out by the 41st over only having reached 53 runs.

Apart from Ben Neversole (33) Christchurch batted poorly and lost four wickets chasing the low score. Unfortunately that means we dropped 2 points rather than picking up the full 20. A good win all the same, Child Okeford this weekend - hard to keep focused when the season is so long. Lets hope that we can keep this momentum up, only 6 games left.

Ben

Wayfarers 2nd, 12th July. Home

Lost the toss again and we were put into the field. Our opening pair of Tony Robinson and James Dugan made little impact in the first 7 overs. With the score on 39 for no loss it could have been a big score to chase. However the introduction of Brett Custard who made use of his 'slower ball' gave our overseas player Gareth Williams an easy stumping. From there wickets tumbled regularly. Most notably was the outstanding catch at gully by Ryan Thorpe. All the bowlers picked up wickets with Wayfarers finishing on 80 all out.

Tony Robinson and Steve Preston opened the batting and were going well until Steve injured himself and had to come off. Gareth Williams batted well for 22 and was unlucky to be given out LBW - with the ball pitching on middle/off stump, not bouncing more than a foot high - it was hard to see why he was given out! Keiran Burton was pushed up the order and showed us his batting talent and notched up a few before being caught on the boundary. Ryan Thorpe and Tony Robinson finished the game off Tony unbeaten on 39.

Another great win and 19 points in the bag again. Lets keep this up fellas - well done.

Ben

Corfe Mullen 2nd, 5th July. Away

Finally i won the toss this year and chose to bat! Mikey Kitson and Tony Robinson batted sensibly and notched up 77 before the first wicket fell. Tom Hughes (65) and Joe Malone batted well both reaching respectable scores and ensuring that we would reach a very respectable target. Gareth Williams, Ryan Thorpe and James Hook were left little time to bat but all made a contribution to our 324 for 4 after 45 overs. Pick of the batsmen was Joe Malone 94 - an excellent batting performance and unfortunate not to reach his maiden hundred.

After tea it rained - so unfortunately no result.

Cheers
Ben

Cattistock, 28th June. Away

Another game and another toss lost! However we were put into the field this time. James Dugan and Tony Robinson both opened well but their opening pair managed to put them onto 41 runs after only 9 overs on what was a small pitch. Tom Hughes and Kieran Burton then came into the attack and stopped the majority of their batsmen from scoring. After 26 overs they hadn't reached 100. The fielding at times was exceptional and other times child like. However after 45 overs they reached 155 for 8. With all the bowlers taking wickets.

We don't like to make things easy and even after Tom Hughes blasted the ball through the small window of the score box we were struggling on 40 for 4. However both Mikey Kitson and Tony Robinson steadied the ship and pulled the score back to 115 for 5, after Tony (33) was out charging the slow spinner.

Ben Neversole did his job and smashed a few big hits, leaving an easy job for the skipper and an unbeaten Mikey Kitson (50). Another win so thats 8 out of 8 with one match called off. I hope we don't become complacent and lose - team spirt is excellent, lets sort the fielding out for next week please.

Cheers

Ben

Hamworthy Recreation 2nd, 14th June. Away

Lost the toss (no change there then) and again we were put into bat on a good track. We struggled early on and off 13 overs had 15 runs for 2 wickets. Then Tom Hughes and Joe Malone steadied the ship, JM hitting a great 50. At the other end James Hook batted well for an unbeaten 92. Scott Kelly made light work of the bowling smashing 49 off around 10 overs. We finished on 257 for 5.

Our usual opening pair didn't come up with the goods this week and with Hamworthy on 62 for no loss after 10 overs, they were not far off the rate. James Hook and Tom Hughes picked up the two important wickets (both caught by the skipper one handed) which turned the game. From there they never really looked at getting the score. James Hook picked another 5for and Tom Hughes picked up 3. With Paul Chappell polishing off the tail with only three balls.

Another great win, great atmosphere in the side at the moment, seven out of seven. The real test will be over the next few weeks. Can we keep this momentum up? I think we can, well done great team effort.

Ben

Shillingstone, 7th June, Away

Another toss lost and the only difference this time is that their skipper decided to bat. After 20 overs Shillingstone were sitting pretty on 77 for 2. However our fortunes were changed by some great bowling by James Hook who at the end of his spell (12 overs) took 5 for 35. James Dugan also bowling well with 3 for 30. Shillingstone left on 146 all out. Having scored over 200 every week for the last five weeks this seemed like a fairly easy total.

However as we all know chasing a score can sometimes be more difficult than it looks. And boy did we make it difficult. It would be fair to say that the top 6 (with maybe the exception of James Hook (25)) were well below par leaving us on 68 for 6. However Ben Neversole and Ryan Thorpe both hitting 20's before getting out set us up well. Paul Chappell (25 no) and James Dugan (15 no) finished the game off well with overs to spare.

An excellent win considering the position we put ourselves. A small juggle of the batting order next week, three really big games left this half of the season. We have the players only time will tell to see if we have the desire.

Cheers

Ben

Poole Town 3rd, 31st May, Home

Won the toss and put an in form christchurch side into bat, admittedly it was a wet and slow track but there was no reason why we could not replicate previous weeks. After a shakey start with both our openers getting out cheaply, myself and Tom Hughes steadied the ship until drinks. At drinks we were 58 from 22 and ended up with 196-9, Tom Hughes with a patient 70 set up the innings with everyone batting around him including Ryan Thorpe (21) and Paul Chappell with Kieron Burton with the final spurt of runs to finish on 196-9.

Tony Robinson and James Dugan opened the bowling in the second half, Dugan struck early and set the tone from there, at drinks Poole were roughly in the same position as us but with a loss of a few more wickets. Kieron Burton broke the deadlock getting there number 5 out but only with the help of a stunning catch from Mikey Kitson (despite being asleep all day!). Soon after Poole collapsed and were all out for 142 despite looking comfortable at one point. Tony Robinson taking 4 and James taking 3 wickets.

With the skipper away everyone pulled together, the team spirit surrounding this team at the moment is outstanding, everyone is supporting each other, so long may it continue. Great win 20 points.

Joe

Child Okeford 24th May, Away.

As usual I lost the toss, and as usual we were placed into bat. Tony Robinson (just short of his fourth half century in row) and Mikey Kitson (his first for the season) set us off to a flying start. With everyone else chipping in most notably Tom Hughes (69 no) and James Dugan (27 no). Leaving them to chase a massive 254, and we only lost 5 wickets.

Although our opening pair made little impact in the wickets column they kept the run rate down. Leaving Tom Hughes and Kieran Burton to spin the pins. Child Okeford initaly limped to 100 but then with a the run rate well past them they managed to reach full batting points. The only dissapointment of the day was not bowling them all out. We dropped the first point of the season. But all in all another good win.

Poole Town next week, Joe Malone will be skippering due to my absence. Good luck fellas.

Ben

Weymouth 17th May. Home.

Another toss lost and put into bat again for the third time in a row. The order remained unchanged from last week and proved once again to be strong. Tony Robinson (56) and Mikey Kitson (25) batted superbly to get Christchurch

off to a great start a little wobble in the middle but Joe Malone (40no) steadied the ship with nearly everyone batting around him and chipping in. Again we reached a mighty 211 for 6, a tough target to get.

James Dugan opened with probably the best bowling we have seen from him. 6 overs 2 wickets and only went for 6 runs, with Tony Robinson and Keiran Burton helping to prevent them getting close to the score. But the pick of the bowlers this week was Tom Hughes who picked up five wickets. Another great day for the team and another 20 points.

The bigger games still to come but there is no reason why we can't beat anyone.

Ben

Corfe Mullen 3rd May. Home.

After losing the toss we were put into bat. Tony Robinson made short work of their opening bowlers and quickly notched up 79. Gareth Williams and Ben Rayner added 71 and 72 no respectively with Tom Hughes contributing with a 27 no. With Corfe Mullen needing 287 to win, the mood at Wingfields was confident.

Corfe Mullen quickly lost their first wicket off Tony Robinsons bowling - assisted by the sharpe catch by Tom Hughes at gully. This set the tone. Then Kieran Burton turned up the pressure, he got his first 5for. Figures of 6 for 6 - topped off a great day.

Team unchanged apart from, Oli Green & Nick Carter who will be swapped with Brett Custard and Karthik Parthasarathy.

Great start to the season - long may it continue.

Ben