



Bristol Baseball Club

Match report, 17th April 2011, at Bracknell Blazers II

Opening day was full of promise as we drove to Bracknell in the morning sunshine. And the Badgers were rampant in both games! We gave debuts to Jonathan, Carlos, Peter and Matt, and our whole team showed the benefits of winter indoor practice sessions in getting prepared for the season. Mark Salter (President of the BBF) threw out the ceremonial opening pitch to Luis, our starting catcher, and the games were on.

Game 1- Blazers 1, Badgers 21 – We opened with our first 3 batters all eventually scoring runs, and we scored 9 in the top of the inning. Over the course of the game we had 5 different players score 3 runs each, which is a good sign of getting on base regularly. Batting highlights were Jonathan going 3 for 4 and Dan going 3 for 3. But the highlight of the game was José's home run in the third inning. Supported by this we had Peter pitch a fine game to Luis by only giving up 2 hits in the 5 innings.

Game 2- Blazers 3, Badgers 26 – In came the first pitch, and out of the park it went with a home run from Brad! It was an amazing start to the game, then we went on to score 5 more runs in the inning and we were never in danger as we scored more than 4 runs every inning. Batting notables include Gian hitting his own home run in the third inning; José and Luis both going 2 for 2; Gian and Jonathan going 2 for 3; and Carlos D going 3 for 4. Gian pitched a 4 hitter with Matt catching, and they look like a great battery for the team in the season ahead.

A special thanks goes to Phil and Merv for coaching and scoring on the day. Also thank you to the 5 drivers on the day, without you it would be very difficult to play away games. It was clear that the Bracknell Blazers II are going through a transition year and they will improve this season. The Bracknell club was founded in 1992 and they have a great reputation for developing players. We will be facing another strong club at Richmond on Sunday 1st May in our next doubleheader, wish us good fortune!

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