



Bristol Baseball Club

Match report, 19th June, home v Richmond Knights

Home sweet home! After the previous weekend's home rainout, we welcomed the Knights to our field as we were itching to get back to competitive baseball. Thankfully this Sunday the sun shone down as we won the first game convincingly, but then the second game was much closer.

Game 1- Badgers 16, Knights 0 – The game started with Luke striking out 2 of the 4 batters he faced in the first inning, then our offense took over to score 7 runs in our half. This continued throughout the game as Luke pitched a 2 hitter to Matt, and both contributed with the bat as they got on base 4 times each and scored 7 of our runs. José was 2 for 2 with 3 RBIs; Carlos N also had 3 RBIs; and Gian went 2 for 3 at the plate with an RBI. The score hides a number of walks and errors from Richmond, and as a team we only had 8 hits in 31 plate appearances, so bizarrely we could have done better at the plate.

Game 2- Badgers 15, Knights 11 – Game 2 started similarly as Jon opened by facing 4 batters in the first inning pitching to Jonathan, then we scored 7 runs in our half. Brad got on base all 5 times at bat and scored 3 runs; Rem was on base all 4 times at bat and had 2 RBIs; and Jonathan had 3 RBIs. Once again however we only had 8 hits in the game, perhaps showing rust from the previous week's postponement coupled with the rained out batting practice on Saturday. We also let Richmond score a few too many runs late in the game to make it close, so we need to work on this. A win is a win however, and we are leading the league with a 13-1 record.

Thank you to Luis and Merv for scoring the game and thanks to Phil for supplying an amazing scoreboard! And thanks to Jiri for umpiring the games on his own, never an easy task.

Our next game is home this coming Sunday 26th June at our Failand grounds v Essex Redbacks, which is an alteration to the location on previous fixture lists. We have also arranged a game v the Great Britain Jr squad, Sunday 3rd July, at our home grounds. Luke plays for the Badgers and GB and this is their final tune up before an international tournament, so please tell your friends and family about this event. We will involve several Bats players in our squad and we hope to get lots of baseball fans supporting both teams on the day!

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