



## Bristol Baseball Club

### Match report, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011, home v Oxford Kings

We went into these games knowing a sweep would have been a clincher to win the league. But Oxford showed why they are defending champions as we split two good games of baseball. We now think we have the league title, but we await confirmation from the BBF.

**Game 1- Badgers 10, Kings 3** - Our team was fantastic at the plate, and even though we were missing two of our top four hitters, our strength in depth was overwhelming. Jon Lansdown and Luke Looney were both 4-4 in the game as we out hit Oxford 19-5. Our fielding was excellent with several assists by José Bobadilla, and a nice diving catch in right field by Matt Bray. Luke was also excellent on the mound pitching to Tom Bray as he notched up 11 strikeouts. Tom was superb behind the plate, including nailing a runner trying to steal second, a rare event in our league.

**Game 2- Badgers 5, Kings 8** - In the second game Oxford's pitching experience got the better of our hitters. Unfortunately our own pitching showed rust from only having played one league doubleheader since late June. Peter Pfennig pitched to Matt Bray in this game and just could not get settled into a rhythm. We started by giving up 2 runs in the first without giving up a hit, then Oxford scored 4 more in the middle innings to put us away, even though we outhit them again in the second game. Bright spots were Rem Schouten nearly hitting a home run as he went 2-4, and Carlos Nuñez who went 2-3 at the plate.

Thank you to Merv for scoring the games, and as always thanks to Phil for his help on the day. And thanks to Jeremy who umpired his first game for our club. He is a qualified umpire, he did a great job, and we hope to see him again in the future.

**Our next game is away to London on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August.** While we believe that our split games against Oxford may have clinched the league title for us, we are not counting on anything until the BBF declares it. There are complicated rules relating to "games behind" which mean we could finish second even though we have a better winning percentage. If we beat London, it will definitely clinch the title, so watch our web site for more news after these games.

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