



## Bristol Baseball Club

### Match report, 26<sup>th</sup> June, home v Essex Redbacks

Brilliant, just brilliant! The word describes the cloudless sunny sky, the baseball on display, and the fact that we improved our record to 15 wins and just 1 loss on the season. The Redbacks made the long journey hoping to close the gap on us and we had a classic set of games between the top two teams in the league.

**Game 1- Badgers 9, Redbacks 4** – Essex started the game by quickly scoring 2 runs, but we clawed these back in our half of the first inning with a 2 run Home Run off of José's bat. In the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> we scored 4 runs to give us the momentum to close things out, even though both teams scored a few runs later in the game. José scored 3 runs in the game as Jonathan and Matt hit behind him in the order and collected 2 RBIs each. And on the mound Gian pitched a 13 strikeout game to Matt as we put away our closest competitors in the standings. Our fielding was outstanding in the game and a good improvement over previous weeks, allowing us to hold a high scoring Redbacks team to just 4 runs.

**Game 2- Badgers 7, Redbacks 4** – The second game saw the welcome return of Luis after an injury layoff. Unfortunately we let in 2 runs to start the game, and we could not score until we put across 4 runs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning for the second game in succession. This time it was Brad who hit a Home Run to get us started, backing his own complete game pitching to Matt. José then hit his second Home Run of the day in the same inning. It stayed close until the 5<sup>th</sup> inning when we plated 3 runs and we held on from there. Jon collected 2 hits in the game, and Brad and Dan had 2 RBIs each. The doubleheader sweep was helped by great defense again as we set a Badgers record for most wins in a regular season!

Thank you to Luis and Alberto for scoring the games and thanks to Phil for his invaluable help on the day. As always thanks to Mike and Jiri for umpiring the games on what was a very hot day. And finally thank you to the Brownlee family for providing much needed refreshments for both teams.

**Our next game is a special game v Great Britain Juniors** at our Failand grounds, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The games start at 12 noon and we will have food and drink, a raffle, and baseball merchandise available. We hope to see you there.

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