



Bristol Baseball Club

Match report, 28th August, at London Metros

Our final regular season games of the year saw us with a depleted squad of just ten players due to holidays and other commitments. But we knew we just had to play two games and regardless of the results we would be in the playoff finals. This allowed us some experimentation which we learned a great deal from, even though we lost both games.

Game 1- Metros 8, Badgers 5 – Peter opened the pitching to Matt and we held the home team to just 3 runs in the first 3 innings. But just as these runs were the results of errors, we also gave up 4 runs in the next inning via similar mistakes. Across the 2 innings we committed 7 errors, many of which would have ended the inning. We need to do much better than this if we are to advance through the playoffs. Our offense struggled as well picking up just 3 hits, although on the bright side we made solid contact and only had 4 strikeouts against us. The one notable contribution was Matt who went 1-3 at the plate and scored 2 runs.

Game 2- Metros 12, Badgers 8 – The second game gave us an opportunity to debut a pitcher. Tom B took the mound pitching to Matt, and did exceptionally well throwing a complete game. We were leading 7-5 after the 4th inning, but let London draw level in the 5th, and then they raced ahead by scoring 5 runs in the 6th. Once again this was not all our pitcher's fault as we committed several errors in the field. Notables on offense include both Tom and Peter who went 1-2 and scored 2 runs each, and Carlos N as he went 3-4 at the plate. We're quite pleased that we have given the pitching opportunity to 7 different players this year, and finishing with a 19-5 record is a great achievement for the club.

Thank you goes to Helen for helping score the games as we saw bright sunshine coupled with periods of rain. We stumbled over the line, but it looks like we have won our division for the first time in our history subject to BBF confirmation, and we enter the playoffs with a great chance of winning the league trophy!

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