



Bristol Baseball Club

Match report, 8th May 2011, at Essex Redbacks

The long trip to Essex was worth it as we improved our record to 6-0. We left Bristol at 8am and got back at 9pm with the satisfaction of another doubleheader win under our belts. One of our strengths this year is pitching, and in Game 1 we started our 5th pitcher of the season, all of whom now have wins credited to them. We still need to tighten up our defense as we committed too many errors in both games, but other teams are taking notice of our outstanding start in the league.

Game 1- Redbacks 7, Badgers 17 –We scored in the 1st but Essex took the lead 3-1 in their half of the inning. Then we went up 4-3 in the 2nd inning, and pulled away with 7 runs in the 4th and 6 runs in the 6th, highlighted by Jonathan hitting 2 Grand Slams, one in each of these innings! This can only happen if we get men on base, so credit goes to Carlos and Dan with 3 hits each, and 5 other players who collected 2 hits. Our balanced attack saw 7 players scoring at least 2 runs each as we won by the mercy rule after 6 innings. Brad pitched the win to Matt going the full distance to complement our hitting on the day.

Game 2- Redbacks 10, Badgers 13 – The second game was our biggest test thus far, and we held our nerve for the win. We were losing 4-1 after 1 inning; it was 5-5 after 2 innings; and both teams scored 2 in the 4th to make it 7-7. Thankfully we scored 4 in the 6th and 1 in the 7th to win it. Brad and Jon scored 3 runs each, Matt had 3 hits and 4 other players had 2 hits each. Gian pitched to Matt to pick up his 2nd win of the season, and a special word of thanks goes to Matt for catching both games. He was immense in blocking balls in the dirt to keep us in the games as we kept our undefeated record intact.

Thank you also to the 3 car drivers to Essex. It is our longest journey of the season but 2 wins made the drive home a lot easier. Next Sunday the 15th of May is our home opener against London, so we hope all our supporters can join us for our opening day on our new field at Failand.

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