



Bristol Baseball Club

Match report, 11th July 2010, Badgers v Oxford Kings

Mark it in your calendars, the 11th July 2010 was the opening day at the new home of the Badgers! Sunny skies awaited at Patchway Sports Centre for our doubleheader versus the league leaders. Thanks to the efforts of several players and members, we arrived to find a backstop fence that was transported and constructed the previous weekend. Foul lines were painted, the temporary outfield fence was unfurled, and we finally heard those magic words "Play Ball".

Game 1- Badgers 9, Kings 11 – Gian threw the first pitch to Fabian on our new field, and promptly struck out the first batter of the day. We scored 3 runs in the bottom of the 1st, but Oxford came back with 6 runs in the 4th inning. This was unfortunately like some recent games where through a combination of errors and fluke hits we allowed a lot of runs at once. We tied it in the bottom of the 4th, but then it was back and forth until the final inning. Notable performances included José and Gian getting 3 hits each; Luis, Juan Carlos and José scoring 2 runs each; and defensively Alberto with a couple of nice catches in right field.

Game 2- Badgers 6, Kings 14 – Another week, another Badgers debut! This time for Scott, who also got his first base hit for us. Scott played for the Bats last year so it is nice to see the talent coming through. Dan, Juan Carlos and Thom pitched to Paul, but we got off to a disastrous start and could not recover. Luis (2 runs), Dan (2 runs), Juan Carlos and Paul (RBI) all had 2 hits each; Carlos reached base 3 times and had an RBI; and defensively Jes made some fine plays at 2nd, Carlos some great stretches at 1st, and Scott made his first catch in right. One rare play was a pick-off at 2nd base, thanks to a verbal assist by José, scored 1-8 in the book.

Many thanks goes to Rem and Pat for scoring, and Mike and Ron for umpiring. Thanks also to those supporters who turned out for our opening game. What you saw is our field of dreams in it's infancy!

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