



## Bristol Baseball Club

### Match report, 23rd May 2010, Badgers v Bracknell Inferno

The Inferno literally brought the heat with them down the M4 to Bristol, and once again we were treated to 2 excellent games of baseball.

**Game 1- Bracknell Inferno 0, Badgers 2** – What a game! The score was 0-0 in the bottom of the sixth inning, and the Badgers prevailed. Another superb pitching performance from Gian and his catcher Fabian kept us in the game. Gian pitched a 2 hitter including 11 strikeouts, and was matched by Bracknell's 5 hitter with 8 strikeouts, a classic pitcher's duel in the heat. In our half of the sixth, José hit a single, Gian was hit by a pitch, and Dan came through with the winning RBI with a hit into the left-center gap, the second run scoring on the same play due to an overthrow. We then retired Bracknell 1-2-3 to close out the game in the 7th. Notable performances include José with 2 hits and one run scored, and a team effort with outstanding defence. Bracknell had 3 runners reach third base, but our defence maintained the shut-out with only 1 error.

**Game 2- Bracknell Inferno 6, Badgers 5** – We made five changes for the second game, and the opposing pitchers were on fire again! We had Jon throwing a 6 hitter with Paul behind the plate. Bracknell came up trumps however, throwing a 4 hitter of their own. Our offense was capable of generating runs and we were ahead 3-2 after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. But our defence struggled and committed 5 team errors, 4 of which were in the innings that allowed the Inferno's runs. This is what cost us in the end. In the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> we allowed them 3 runs, and although we rallied for 2 in the bottom of the inning, it was not enough. Notable performances included Juan Carlos, Jon and Paul who combined for a couple of fantastic assists and outs at home plate in this game.

Lots of thanks goes to the players for making this happen, including the fencing set-up. Thanks also goes to Ron and Mike the umpires; Pat, our volunteer scorer who has provided our statistician with a more consistent scorebook than our players can currently dream of doing; and Duncan for escorting the game balls!

We had amazing support from the fans at this doubleheader, and we want to thank you for this, especially on such a hot day. You should be able to download any photos on the Bristol Badgers Facebook page, we're sure the players would enjoy seeing these! You can also see more information on our web site:

[www.bristolbaseball.co.uk](http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk)