

Match Report

Bryanston School vs Bryanston Butterflies

Baz Street

17th June, 2017

Representing the Flies

Oliver d'Erlanger-Bertrand

Hugh Mackay

Dean Pearce

Sebastian Street

James Ladd Gibbon

Jack Peck

Rob Froud

Ben Ladd Gibbon

Adam Fowler Watt

Aiden Guinness

Tom Jenkins

Setting the Scene

The Flies faced The School in the Annual fixture, which must be the jewel in the crown of our fixture list. We turned out one of the most youthful and zesty teams possible from the hive of Flies. A team with much pace, some spin and even some who could hold a bat. The weather was set fair and the quite large contingent of gingers within the team (selection policy from ginger skip) had applied copious factor 50. The School were boasting 4 current Dorset county players and a good season thus far, building towards their tour of Barbados at the start of the summer holidays.

Bry Flies Bat

ODB and debutant **Hugh Mackay** opened the batting and got us off to a rather mediocre start. **Oli** was bowled for only 4 and this exposed the **Dean Pearce**, fresh from his travels in Southeast Asia. It seems Dean wasn't netting a great deal in Laos and Vietnam, as he only managed 1. I came in at 4 and attempted to steady the ship. **Hugh** meanwhile was facing some quick stuff and dispatching it to all parts of the ground. With only four singles in his entire innings of 42 from 45 balls, you can see the type of player he is. Eight boundary fours in his knock and balance restored to the Flies' Innings. I meanwhile was holding up an end, grinding out a few runs here and there. When Hugh was dismissed, **James Ladd-**

Gibbon joined me in the middle where we put on a rather tame but useful 82 for the 4th wicket. I eventually gave it away with a chip to midwicket for 42. Standard fayre. The Flies at 146-4, **Jack Peck** joined James at the crease. And then left him there. Just the one run for Jack, but he used quite a few balls to get it, so hopefully he enjoyed himself. Next in was **Rob Froud**, groundsman extraordinaire and as it turns out, batsman who gives it a whack. Rob took his time to get in, but went on to hit the only six of our innings and some fine batting to reach 30 from only 29 balls. James was dismissed for 48, avoiding jugs no doubt, and replaced by his younger brother, **Ben**, who it seemed had been netting. The Froud - BLG partnership produced 30 runs from only 17 deliveries before Froudy was stumped by the rather prodigious talent of the Bry keeper, Oli Thomas. Don't fret, he's been recruited. Three stumpings on the day and 25 or something during the season... **Adam Fowler-Watt** to the crease, but most of the hitting being done from the bat of Ben, who smashed 30 not out from 21 deliveries and made it look rather easy. Adam removed, again being stumped, for 4 bringing the other debutant, **Aidan Guinness** to the crease. 3 not out and the Flies finished 232-8 after our 50 overs, with the help of 23 extras. A competitive score on a slightly difficult pitch, game on.

Bry Flies Bowl

Ah. The star studded opening pair of **Ben Ladd-Gibbon** and **Adam Fowler-Watt** didn't quite live up to the billing. Extras. Many many extras. Not helped by my inadequate keeping for the first 10 overs, but we conceded 53 extras over the course of the innings, the majority in the first 10 overs of the innings or so. **Jack Peck** came on to bring some control to the bowling, but didn't. 3 bowlers used, 9 overs down and the score rocketing along. **James Ladd-Gibbon** did come on to bring some calm to proceedings and picked up the first wicket with the score at 100. This was after only 14 overs. A tough ask ahead for the Flies, but we had just the man. **Tom Jenkins**, fresh from a few months off ankle injury took the ball from the tennis court end to stem the flow. Ultimate economy of 4.46 runs per over shows he did the job. Unfortunately, he couldn't get a break through and it seemed that Bryanston could canter to the target just nudging it around, given their start. So, to spin. This was a good idea. **ODB** coming on and getting some purchase and threatening both edges of the bat. A maiden to start and barring one over where he was rather unlovingly slogged, he produced very tidy figures of 8 overs going for 34 runs. I came on to bowl the other end and managed to clog and end for a period. The breakthroughs came when new man **Aidan Guinness** took the ball and we managed to build some pressure. Wickets in each of his first two overs and we were into them. We always fancy talking some schoolboys out and Jack Pecked piled into them, with his trademark dry wit. As Aidan had brought in some new players, I managed to prise two of them out. The first where we managed to persuade our good friend John Trotter that if an LBW decision was hitting all three and it doesn't matter if the batsman has hit it. The second a good catch from Jack Peck at first slip.

However, that was pretty much the high point of our bowling innings, where we thought we could win the game. A very good and sensible partnership of 51 followed to win them the game with 4.1 overs to go. Extras the key and without such folly at the start, it would have been a classic close finish, even though timed cricket seems to be off the menu. All in all, a good day, with some new discoveries of long term future Flies.

Some rather amazing stats compiled by Dr Kearney are attached.

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Bryanston Butterflies vs Rioteers

Baz Street

18th June, 2017

Bryanston Butterflies Team

Mark Brewin
Baz
Dean Pearce
TJ
Hugh Mackay
Aiden Guinness
James Marshall
Ollie D-B
Jack Peck
Alistair Tedford (not required)
Adam Fowler Watt

Setting the Scene

Fresh from the pub the night before and with another sultry day of cricket in prospect, the Bryanston Butterflies appeared bright and early for the game against the Rioteers. Unfortunately, the Rioteers did not arrive bright and early for their away game at Bryanston. This got the game off on the wrong foot. What usually would have happened is that we would have said ‘we are quite strong’, they would have said ‘we are quite weak’ and we would have mutually agreed that Bryanston would bat first, score a load and then attempt to bowl out the stubborn Rioteers. However, with only a handful of Rioteers present, the Flies would bowl first.

Flies to Bowl

Adam Fowler-Watt to open and a rather magnificent opening spell. Pace and intimidation, just what the self-confessed weak Rioteers were looking for. In only four overs, he managed to remove two of their top four and put us right in charge. From that point on, he looked a little too threatening and was removed from the attack. However, from the other end, the physically less threatening, **Aidan Guinness**, was threatening batsmen’s edges. Lovely stuff. Away swing at a pleasant pace and nicks to the slips. Brilliant fun and earning Aidan two wickets for 19 runs from 10 overs. **Tom Jenkins** then came on to bowl and continued the delicious outswinging to collect 3 more of the Rioteers’ wickets. More nicks to keeper and slips with some juggling, but wickets nonetheless. Lovely stuff. Into the fold came **Mark Brewin**, with a

large contingent of the crowd there to support him, he delivered some flighted and accurate leg breaks. At least they looked like leg breaks. No wickets for Bruno, but a very enjoyable spell. Most amusing was his refusal to prematurely end a conversation with me at mid-off when he was supposed to be bowling. It was a good story to be fair. **James Marshall** bustled to the crease and bowled some rather lively nibblers. A couple of edges beating athletic dives from the slip cordon, but one finally stuck in the gloves of Hugh Mackay, who was going well behind the stumps with two catches and a stumping. James bowled 3 overs before his shoulder said 'no more', finishing with 1 wicket for 6 runs. Very tidy stuff. **ODB** into the fold and 5 overs 1 for 10. Again, very controlled and ripping a few. By this stage though, ball was meeting very much dead bats, as the Rioteers attempted to play for lunch. I then had a twirl and the cheeky and talented young gun from the Rioteers took a few steps down the track. He missed and Hugh did the rest to finish the innings. 84 all out. This with only ten fielders too...

The Flies to Bat

Adam Fowler-Watt and **James Marshall** top open up for a team of all-rounders. Bruno and TJ primed to come in at 3 and 4, but no need. Adam and James were imperious and smashed the Rioteers' bowling to all parts. The same young gun who denied us at the end of their innings bowled four overs to start, but Adam was not giving him any respect, hitting him for the only six of the game. Adam finished 43 not out and James 31 not out. We reached 87 in the 11th over, finishing with a boundary four. The innings complete by 3:30, we enjoyed the usual hospitable Rioteers and their beer before disbanding. A good weekend to warm up for the Week, with new faces showing their skills and amiable chat.