

Collingbourne CC vs Beehive Bradford CC 11th July 2009

On Saturday 11th May Collingbourne CC entertained Beehive Bradford in an attempt to play their 11th Wilts League Division 3 game. It was a wet day and the start of the match was delayed by 20 minutes due to rain.

Thankfully Collingbourne had managed to cover the pitch keeping it as dry as possible and upon winning the toss elected to field first. Despite losing an early wicket to Charlie Knight Beehive started aggressively with the bat and soon propelled to 58 for 2 from 10 overs. The Dismissal of Beehive opener G.Collins for 40 from 38 balls by left arm seamer Tom Grant was the key to slowing the run rate. From that moment fourth despite some valiant and tenacious batting from Beehives middle to lower order Collingbourne always seemed on top and proved it by bowling Beehive out for 126 from 29.4 overs. The pitch having a little moisture to it always offered something for the bowlers but Collingbourne only used 4 with John Aitken (1 for 17 from 6), Charlie knight (4 for 40 from 8.4) and Tom Grant (5 for 22 from 10) sharing the wickets. They were ably backed up by some good Collingbourne fielding including an excellent catch from youngster Reese Slaten and 3 well taken catches behind the stumps by Carl Gingell.

A quick turn around before tea saw Collingbourne facing just 5 overs from which they scored 30 for 1 before the heavens opened. Even with the covered wicket there was no let up in the rain and the game was finally abandoned with both teams sharing the points. Despite the cancellation Collingbourne still lead Division 3 by 21 points with Beehive currently in a very respectable 3rd place. Good luck to both teams for the rest of the season.