

Match Report:

Ringwood CC 161 for 8 off 40 vs Brockenhurst CC 1s 93 all out off 34.5 overs

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Debutant Crabtree shines as Brockenhurst CC slump to 68 run defeat.

With the welcome change to climatic stability, glorious sunshine greeted us on arrival at Carvers Sports Ground. As we unloaded the car, an Air Ambulance helicopter hovered into view and expertly avoided the square and landed on the outfield. Called to potentially assist on an A31 motorcycle accident, one wondered whether it was the kamikaze motorcyclist who had recklessly overtaken a line of cars at high speed on a blind bend and hill approaching Burley some 15 minutes earlier? Patientless, the helicopter departed at 13.30 allowing Ringwood, having won the toss, to commence their innings.

Broad struck early bowling Jones for 0, swiftly followed by Khanna snaring Roberts for 0 to an excellent skied catch snaffled by Chris Rogers. Khanna's fine form continued by dismissing Staples LBW for 6, reducing Ringwood to 18 for 3 off 8 overs.

15 year old Crabtree making his debut for BCC 1s bowled with tenacity and accuracy and bowled Pieris for 16 reducing Ringwood to 74 for 4 off 24 overs. Crabtree's excellent spell ended, owing to Junior bowling regulations, with creditable figures of 5 overs 1 for 20. Laksh, (8 overs 1 for 34) aided by deft glovework of the alert Williams had M Roberts stumped for 5, and Akash struck dismissing McLeod to a fine catch by Anbu, reducing Ringwood to 97 for 6 off 29 overs.

Meanwhile resilient opener Seymour continued to accumulate runs and eventually carried his bat on 68 not out. The returning Broad (8 overs 2 for 31) bowled the threatening Senserall for 26, before catching Melbourne for 2 off Akash (7 overs 2 for 25). With just three batsmen scoring double figures, Ringwood completed their 40 overs on 161 for 8.

Ringwood provided an excellent and welcome tea, with discussion revolving around batting to win.

However, within 14 overs BCC were reduced to 21 for 6 with Bisping bowled for 0, Anbu caught for 1, Williams ambling down the wicket admiring his shot before being run out for 3, with his back turned and inexplicably failing to ground his bat, and Broad bowled by a peach of a ball for 3. Crabtree 5 batted commendably with application before being bowled for 5 with Chris Rogers caught for 4.

Akash joined Alan Rogers, and proceeded to counter attack dispatching loose balls to the boundary with gusto, and partnership milestones began to be met, aided by good calling and running between the wickets. Alas Akash fell at 74 for 7 off 29 overs, bowled for a sparkling 41. Deepak fleetingly restored momentum before being bowled for 6. The opportunity arose for Laksh to prosper with the bat, yet calling for a single he stopped mid wicket as Rogers stormed by leaving himself stranded run out for 0, at 84 for 9 off 31 overs.

Alas resilient Rogers fell for 17 leaving BCC all out for 93 off 34.5 overs, with Ringwood worthy victors by 68 runs. With just two BCC batsman scoring double figures, we now have the opportunity to rediscover our batting prowess against Burley CC next week. This game will also be remembered for Crabtree's promising debut and the expectation that a fine BCC career will follow.

Scribe: Alan Rogers. Aloft over the South China Sea en route to Bangkok.