

LRGS U14 100 for 5 v 101 for 8 Bolton School

LRGS lost the toss against a strong Bolton side and were asked to bat first on a very difficult wicket. With three wickets lost for just 18 runs it was left to Harry Mason and Ben Brown to try and post some sort of total that LRGS could defend.

A partnership of 70 put LRGS back in the game and Ben Brown (43) batted superbly, as he mixed watchful defence with powerful strokes, when loose balls came along. Mason (18 no) batted for a long time but he made sure that the final total of 100 for 5 gave LRGS were always in the game, if they could field well and bowl in the right areas.

Freddie Metcalf (2 for 19) gave LRGS a fine start by dismissing both openers. However, two powerful Bolton left handers took the score to sixty and looked to be winning the game easily. Ben Brown then took a wicket and the introduction of Harry Mason (2 for 18) and Alfie Moffat (3 for 13) started to turn the game LRGS' way. When Ben Brown took a stunning slip catch for Moffat's third wicket, it looked like Bolton were on the ropes as they still needed 14 runs. However, an edge over slips and then a mighty heave for six from their number 10 meant that they needed just one run going to the final over, and they achieved this to emerge with the win.

Man of the match was Ben Brown for his runs, wicket and brilliant catch. Special mention must go to Fred Metcalf and Harry Mason (runs and wickets) and Alfie Moffat for a great spell with the ball that almost won LRGS the game.

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