

Lancashire Cup Quarter Final : LRGs U14 111 for 8 v 57 all out Stoneyhurst U14

LRGS lost the toss and were asked to bat first on what turned out to be a very lively and difficult wicket. The Stoneyhurst opening quick bowlers put real pressure on the LRGs batting and it looked like being a disappointing afternoon as they were soon 26 for 6 and in danger of being bowled out cheaply. However, Patrick Osmond (14) and Eddie Hemmington (10) stuck in and saw off the immediate threat: taking the score past 60. This allowed Rishan Ravishanker (17) and Arsalan Aseem (16) to come in and play a little more aggressively to accelerate the scoring. They did this superbly, with several big shots down the ground, and LRGs were able to take their score to 111 for 8. Although this was less than they had hoped at the beginning it was a great recovery and a total that they could defend if they bowled and fielded well.

In reply, Stoneyhurst were dependent on their Lancashire batsman to see them through but Charlie Parkinson (6 overs 1 for 5) bowled an accurate and hostile spell and dismissed him cheaply. At the other end Freddie Metcalf (6 overs 3 for 9) was in great form and his wickets had the home team wobbling and trying to rebuild ... as LRGs had done earlier. However, Alfie Moffat (6 overs 3 for 19) was in no mood to let the game slip and with the support of Ben Brown, Joe Barlow and Harry Mason (2 for 4) LRGs were able to dry up the runs and take regular wickets. Stoneyhurst were dismissed for 57.

LRGS won a tough game and progress to the Semi-finals.