

Lancashire Cup: LRGs U14 96 for 5 v 95 all out Clitheroe RGS U14

RGs were asked to bowl first and Parkinson (6 overs 3 for 15) got them off to an excellent start with two early wickets on a low seaming pitch. However, other seamers struggled for line and length and the home side started to build a total. The introduction of spin from Whatmuff (6 overs 1 for 19) kept the score in check and he was well supported by Clifton (5 overs 2 for 7) and Patel (3 overs 1 for 8) as Clitheroe were bowled out for 95. However, some loose bowling elsewhere meant that this score was perhaps 20 more than it should have been, on a wicket with plenty of help for the bowlers.

LRGS made a diabolical start: with the coach's words of 'get forward at all costs' still ringing in their ears, three LRGs players were bowled playing off the back foot. McGrath (14) dug in and saw off the dangerous opening bowlers but he was then LBW and Parkinson was run out. LRGs were 25 for 5 and struggling to stay in the game. Fortunately, Collinson (33) and Patel (28) heeded the advice on offer and started to slowly turn the game around. Soon the two players were 'in' and driving the ball freely past the bowler and extra cover. The early panic seemed a long way away as Collinson hit the winning runs to the cover boundary with seven overs to spare. LRGs won by five wickets with Dylan Patel Man of the match.