



BIDEFORD IIS V HATHERLEIGH 3S

August 8th 2020 – North 2 (Tier 7)

Rob and Fionn's Excellent Adventure!!!

A most excellent partnership of 153 from 16 year old Fionn Toland and Rob Hill, playing his first game for three years, got us out of a hole when we were deep in the doo-doo at 19-3.

Two such contrasting innings you couldn't wish to see: Fionn, taking his time, building an innings slowly but surely, and Rob – smacking the ball as hard as he could to all parts of the ground. Unlucky to be run out, he hit 96 off 100 balls, with 12 fours. Fionn made an excellent 49 off 74 before being caught.

A sweetly timed six back over the bowler's head from debutant colt Jake Cleave helped us up to 191-6 off our 35 overs – a very respectable total thank you!

Despite taking an early wicket, our young bowlers could not contain the Hatherleigh batters – only veteran Richard Hall and 14 year old Julian Hayter conceding less than 5 runs per over, so inevitably we weren't going to restrict them to less than 191. But there was a marked improvement on the number of wides conceded, especially from the youngsters, which is very encouraging and hopefully we can continue to improve next week.

We will be losing Fionn and Tom to the First XI next Saturday – we wish them all the best! Having watched them play over the last six weeks or so, there's nothing they can't handle up there in the giddy heights of League North One as it is called this season. Good luck!!!!

2020 will be remembered for many reasons – almost all of them not good... But forget Corona Virus, forget the hurricanes, forget the floods, forget the explosions, forget the biggest recession since time began, forget all of that This year will be remembered primarily as the year that I WON FIVE TOSSES IN A ROW. And we've lost every game.....maybe it's time to lose the toss ...



Player of the Match: Rob Hill & Fionn Toland – awesome stuff!!!!

Bideford 191-6 (Rob Hill 96, Fionn Toland 49, Jake Cleave 13*)

Hatherleigh 192-3

Scorecard: <http://blwh.play-cricket.com/website/results/4475397>