

Fresh from tying up their Dorset Indoor League U15 title 6 new forest lads have gone

one better by coming out on top in the U16 Ageas Bowl Cup competition.

Lymington CC's Josh Royan (c), Sway CC's Daniel Bailey & Joshua Bailey and Bashley

(Rydal) CC's Toby Mills, Sam Presland and Jack Harris (wk) have played together over

the last 5 winter seasons as an indoor team.

Competing under the West Hants name the forest boys saw off strong challenges from

Parley CC and Basingstoke CC in their semi final round robin.

This booked them a ticket to Cup final night to take on Hook Hurricanes and South Wilts

both of whom they had narrowly lost to in excitingly tight finishes in earlier league

games. First up were Hook who having chosen to bat were pegged back by the pace

and variation of Royan (3-0-27-0) and the spin combination of J. Bailey (3-0-24-1) and

Presland (3-0-25-0). But it was D. Bailey who took a good catch to dismiss the

dangerous Wyatt off his brothers bowling and the momentum was maintained by two

run outs involving Presland and an excellent all round performance in the field

restricting Hook to 121-3.

When it was West Hants turn to bat Royan (retired 25 no) and Mills batted sensibly to build the platform the team required. But when Mills went to the leg spinner Balcombe and D. Bailey (13) nicked one behind West Hants still needed 45 more to secure victory.

Powerful hitting from J. Bailey (retired 27 no) and J Harris (25 no) took the game away from Hook with victory coming with 11 balls remaining.

In the second game West Hants again lost the toss with South Wilts opting to bat first.

Despite the efforts of E Wade (37 no) South Wilts struggled to break the West Hants

stranglehold. Royan (3-0-17-1) again proved hard to get away and Mills (2-0-14-0)

was equally miserly. Spin twins J. Bailey (3-0-23-2) and D. Bailey (3-0-23-2) shared 4

wickets and identical figures and Harris completed an excellent evenings work with the

gloves with a smart stumping as South Wilts finished on 94-5.

With Presland going early and Harris mightily unfortunate to be run out at the non

strikers end via a deflection it briefly looked as if West Hants might struggle towards

the moderate total required. J Bailey (retired 25 no) took a while to find his earlier

form but went to a second retirement of the night with a comprehensive six.

After D. Bailey was bowled it was the reliable pairing of Royan (11 no), punching his way

through the covers elegantly and Mills (retired 25 no) exercising great shot selection tha

t saw West Hants home in the 10th over with 3 wickets down. A fantastic team effort

from the boys, playing a year up in an U16 competition.

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Fresh challenges lie ahead as they battle to make the final 4 of the Ageas league

competition and the chance to compete in league finals night in March against

many of the region's top junior cricketing talents.

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Hook Innings		
W Wyatt	C D Bailey	J Bailey
C Neville	Retired Not Out	9
H Robson	Retired Not Out	26
W Gardner	Not Out	26
J Salcombe	Run Out - Harris	17
C Doran	Run Out - Presland	12
	Extras:	6
	TOTAL:	119
		3 wickets

Bowling	
J Royan	3-0-27-0
J Bailey	3-0-24-1
S Presland	3-0-25-0
T Mills	1-0-15-0
D Bailey	2-0-30-0

New Forest Innings		
Josh Royal	Retired Not Out	25
Toby Mills	Stumped	8
Den Bailey	C W/K	13
Josh Bailey	Retired Not Out	27
Jack Harris	Not Out	25
Sam Presland	Not Out	0
	Extras:	24
	TOTAL:	122
		2 wickets

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South Wits Innings			
G Wade	Retired Not Out		37
G Edwards	Bowled	D Bailey	4
J Atkinson	Bowled	D Bailey	10
C Chadock	Cl Royan	J Bailey	18
A Young	St Harris	J Bailey	6
J Croom	Bowled	J Royan	6
		Extras	13
		TOTAL:	94
			5 wickets

Bowling	
J Bailey	3-0-23-2
J Royan	5-0-17-1
D Bailey	5-0-23-2
T Mills	2-0-14-0
S Praeland	1-0-16-0

New Forest Innings			
Sam Praeland	Bowled		0
Jack Harris	Run Out		6
Jon Bailey	Retired Not Out		25
Dan Bailey	Bowled		4
Josh Royan	Not Out		11
Toby Mills	Retired Not Out		25
		Extras	24
		TOTAL:	95
			3 wickets