

## Chelmsford Cricket Club

### Report for 14 and 15 April

Chelmsford's season got off to a positive start with wins at Halstead and against Eastside.

They were indebted to a muscular innings from Nick Bailey in posting an acceptable score. Dan Hagen also made a useful contribution in an understandably rusty display.

The home side were also a bit rusty and came up thirty runs short. There was some good bowling on display and Paul Jones had everyone guessing what was coming next but the three wickets he picked up proved pivotal.

The Sunday first team did not have much chance to bat after dismissing Eastside for 55. That low total meant that some foul weather was not enough to end the game. Miles Clark and Gary Chidley knocked off the majority of the runs for a nine-wicket win in quick time. James Arnold, James Clifford, Tom Halsey and Matt Thurston all bagged a brace of wickets.

There are due to be three and two Sunday fixtures next weekend although that might be an ambitious schedule at this time of the season. The competitive season starts the following week with the first team in Cup action against Brentwood.