

Chelmsford Cricket Club Report for 27 & 28 April

On what should have been the first weekend of competitive cricket, there were only two matches played and both were friendlies. The first team at least progressed to the second round of the League Cup after Orsett pulled out and they should finally get some competitive action next week against Colchester.

Orsett's concession left two teams without a game and a practice was arranged instead which seems mainly to have involved players losing kit. The only team in action on Saturday was the thirds and their game fell victim to some heavy rain.

That left the Sunday friendly team's trip to Broxbourne as the only fixture of the weekend. Some fine batting from Bradley Green and bowling from Harry Green and Ben Clifford led Chelmsford to a comprehensive win. Rob Hayto, Adil Dewan, James Clifford and Rupert Redman also got some useful time at the crease.

Sunday 28 April

Friendly

Played at Mill Lane Close, Broxbourne

Chelmsford	229-4
Broxbourne	101 all out

(Chelmsford won by 128 runs)

Chelmsford's teenage players showed their talent with the Green and Clifford brothers very much to the fore as Chelmsford finally won at what has been a bogey ground.

Most of the team arrived late after a thoroughly demotivating crawl through Hoddesdon Town Centre but that did allow the home side to recruit a few extra players. Adil Dewan and James Clifford gave Chelmsford a solid start but both were out with the score on 72, Dewan run out for 43, Clifford caught for 25.

Rob Hayto (51) should have been caught early on but he survived and hit a rapid half century that raised the run rate. This allowed Bradley Green to settle in and he began to time the ball very nicely as his innings developed.

Rupert Redman provided some useful support to Green as they took the score well past 200. Green was eventually bowled after an elegant innings of 64, falling to the pick of the home attack Davies (2-29).

Ben Clifford's opening burst pretty much put the game to bed. He generated some decent pace and took three top order wickets. Alistair Fergus also picked up a wicket in a characteristically insipid spell.

The fifth wicket pair put up some resistance with Davies playing some very good shots. Young leg spinner Harry Green accounted for them both in an impressive display, particularly in tying down and then dismissing Davies for 35.

Although Oakes looked a useful player the tail did not last long. James Clifford took two wickets in his only over and Green tidied up the last two to record four for 19.

Fixtures

Saturday 4 May

1sts: Colchester (H) League Cup 1.00

2nds: Colchester (A) F 1.00

3rds: Hornchurch (H) F 1.00

4ths: Hornchurch (A) F 1.00

Sunday 5 May

1sts: Roding Valley (H) ESL 2.00

Monday 6 May

U16: Bentley (H) Matchplay 2.00