



Foley had joined Foster and they were able to play freely combining some strong shots and good running. The scoring rate's upward curve was briefly stopped by a fine penultimate over from Arnold taking two wickets including Foley (41) and conceding just 2 runs. Some clean hitting in the last over took the score past 200 though, Foster closing unbeaten on 73 from 47 balls.

In reply Chelmsford decided just to play sensibly and see what happened. Hayto (30) and Matt Thurston (28) played some good shots in a promising partnership but both fell to good catches off Gibbs (2-23) before they could make really telling contributions.

With no real chance of winning, Miles Clark and Ollie Devenish played fairly pragmatically. Clark played some very good shots and top scored with 35 with a commendable strike rate too. Devenish proved slightly more attacking in this than the testing 6 a side format, compiling 22 not out as the innings closed at 137 for four.

Basically the side was overmatched and at least the batsmen batted fairly well, getting welcome time at the crease. With the ball the main problem was 25 wides. In the field there were not many mistakes but there were none of the moments of inspiration that can turn a short game.

Despite losing by a wider margin and at a slower scoring rate than Leigh, the tie breaker was runs per wicket and so Chelmsford advance to the knockout stages without a win.

Opponents in the last 16 are Fives & Heronians with the game to be played on Thursday 5 July.