

## Chelmsford Cricket Club Report for 4 & 5 August

On the weekend of President's Day, it was nearly a wonderful weekend for Chelmsford but not quite. Both the first and second teams played South Woodford and both were denied victory by South Woodford's last pair.

The third team won again with Jack Moss in great form and a personal best from Hyder Jeddy helped the fifths to victory. The fourths had a good draw and a young sixth team were well beaten.

President Peter Anstee was celebrating his first President's Day on Sunday and there was a good turnout of members, friends of the club and former players. Unfortunately there was no cricket to watch, another dreadful downpour in the summer of 2012 left the square and outfield under water.

Some fine leg spin bowling from Tom Craddock and Stuart Everard came close to forcing a win for the first team. Runs from Dan Hagen, Adil Dewan and Rob Hayto gave Chelmsford a decent score in difficult conditions. A wicket from the third ball of the last over gave them some hope of a victory but the last man held out.

The seconds also had a tough time with the bat, Lancaster and Vadher both returned three for 23 to put them in real trouble. Some good batting in the lower order particularly from Liam Keaney (32) and Stephen Drain (29) boosted the score to 161. Those two were very much to the fore in the bowling effort as South Woodford were reduced to 61 for six, the first four all caught by wicketkeeper Miles Clark. Mir made 35 to give South Woodford hopes of a win but ultimately they had to play out for a draw. A failure to attack the stumps at the end perhaps cost Chelmsford who slip to second in the table. Drain returned four for 34, Keaney three for 26.

A terrific closing period in the field and some fine batting gave the third team another win chasing. Tom Arnold and Alistair Fergus bowled well to restrict the home side to 199. Jack Moss (94) and Paul Keaney (45) shared a second successive century opening partnership and Gary Chidley (50\*) was also in fine form.

As has been the case in several other games, the fourth team compiled a decent score with everyone contributing. Barry Clayden (40) top scored, Stephen Bond (38\*) and Rupert Redman (36) were the other leading contributors as Chelmsford posted 204 for six. Neil Raisborough (3-29) and Keith Goodman (2-21) bowled really well but Hornchurch were always a bit behind schedule despite a fine unbeaten 57 from Mason. They closed at 165 for eight.

Hyder Jeddy and the Green family combined to give Chelmsford a resounding win over Stanford-le-Hope. Jeddy made 89 in Chelmsford's 201 for eight, Tom Halsey (26) and Harry Green (26\*) giving useful support. Carter picked up five for 50. Barry Green bowled a pacy spell to take for 18 and his son Harry picked up three for 48 as the visitors were bowled out for 110.

Three wickets from Zameer Panjwani was probably the highlight of the sixth team's defeat against Rayleigh. They were bundled out for just 72 and Panjwani's wickets were the only ones they picked up.

### Reports & Scores

#### Saturday 4 August

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Shepherd Neame Essex League Premier Division

Played at Chelmer Park

Chelmsford	182-9
South Woodford	151-9
(Match drawn)	

After being put into bat in difficult conditions the Chelmsford openers made a solid start with Dewan and Hagen showing patience at the crease. South Woodford quickly turned to spin as the seamers struggled to find any rhythm and found the breakthrough when Browne (3-49) dismissed Hagen (47). Dewan (43) became the next to fall as he was caught at short leg off the bowling of Correya (1-53).

Sterland and Hayto came together and started to rebuild, Sterland occupied the crease and worked the ball around whilst Hayto looked to counter attack with some good striking of the ball. Sterland (10) struggled to find his timing and fell to Browne. This started a small collapse as the batsmen looked to accelerate in the closing stages. Hayto fell for an excellent 50 - one of five wickets for McMullen (5-46) - attempting one big shot too many.

It took some good running from the lower order to achieve a par score of 182.

South Woodford got off to a flying start as Hayto struggled to find his length and Browne put away anything short. A nasty bounce from a Devenish delivery hit Chelmsford captain Chris Prowting in the head and stopped play as he had to leave the field. Thankfully Chris is well although he looks like he has lost a fight after having a deep cut glued up at A&E.

The introduction of Craddock (4-56) changed Chelmsford's fortune as he dismissed the dangerous Browne (29). Everard (3-27) also entered the attack to great effect, bowling with great control. He helped to build up pressure, which told as the ever confident Malik attempted to take him on only to supply a simple catch.

Wickets started to fall consistently as Everard and Craddock continued to apply pressure and pick up wickets at key times. As the result looked to be heading to a draw, Devenish returned to pick up the ninth wicket, a sharp catch by Hagen giving Chelmsford hopes of a win. Unfortunately they only had three balls to get the last wicket and were unable to do so.

Chelmsford now lie 21 points behind leaders Wanstead as they go into the final timed game of the season they can take great confidence in their performance and a show of incredible spirit.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

Shepherd Neame Essex League Premier Division

Played at South Woodford

Chelmsford	161 all out
South Woodford	134-9
(Match drawn)	

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Team

Shepherd Neame Essex League Premier Division

Played at Clayhall Park

Hainault & Clayhall	199 all out
Chelmsford	200-2

(Chelmsford won by 8 wickets)

The third team recovered from a scrappy start to pull off a commanding victory.

Hainault's opening batsmen made an aggressive start, riding their luck but also benefitting from some poor Chelmsford play to reach 70 for nought from 15 overs. Alistair Fergus started to find the right length and their luck ran out as both Kwasah (32) and Shafiq (29) skied balls to mid-off.

The bowlers started to rein in the scoring but could not make further inroads and Hussain started to play ominously well. Thirteen year old Tom Arnold picked up the third wicket and Fergus struck in the next over but the score advanced to 190 for four with 40 balls left.

A target of around 230 looked likely and that would have been very difficult but Hussain (65) was bowled by Fergus in the 46<sup>th</sup> over. Chelmsford's fielding in the last few overs backed up some fine bowling brilliantly and some overambitious batting meant that going into the 52<sup>nd</sup> and final over they were 197 for seven. Arnold finished with two for 31 in a very impressive debut.

Despite only needing three for maximum batting points, the batsmen continued to chase after big shots. Wicketkeeper Bradley Green held a good catch from the first ball and Jack Moss a phenomenal one from the fifth ball. Moss and Fergus then combined to effect a run out from the last ball and close the innings at 199. Fergus returned seven for 85 having bowled all 26 overs from one end in a generally well controlled spell.

Opening batsmen Jack Moss and Paul Keane gave the reply a solid start and accelerated at just the right time. In the 20 minutes before the last hour they scored freely and largely knocked the stuffing out of the opposition.

Keane (45) fell shortly into the final 20 overs after another good innings. Gary Chidley quickly found his feet and he and Moss tormented the bowlers and fielders. Progress became slightly more tortured in the closing stages as Moss was nearing a century and with the target not far off, Chidley did not want to deny him. After playing fantastically well, a tired shot saw Moss fall for 94.

The only upside of that was that it gave Chidley the freedom to achieve his own landmark reaching an unbeaten half century with the winning runs.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Team

Shepherd Neame Essex League 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Division 1

Played at Chelmer Park

Chelmsford	204-6
Hornchurch	165-8
(Match drawn)	

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Team

Shepherd Neame Essex League 4<sup>th</sup> XI Division 1

Played at Chelmer Park

Chelmsford	201-8
Stanford le Hope	110 all out
(Chelmsford won by 91 runs)	

## 6<sup>th</sup> Team

Friendly

Played at Wickford Memorial Park

Chelmsford	72 all out
Rayleigh	74-3

(Rayleigh won by 7 wickets)

## Fixtures

### Saturday 11 August

1sts: Shenfield (A)	SNEL 12.15
2nds: Shenfield (H)	SNEL 1.00
3rds: Brentwood (A)	SNEL 1.00
4ths: Brentwood (H)	SNEL 1.00
5ths: West Essex (H)	SNEL 1.00
6ths: West Mersea (A)	F 1.00

### Sunday 12 August

1sts: Cosmopolitan (H)	F 2.00
2nds: Forest Gate (H)	F 1.30

### Monday 13 August

U16: Bishop's Stortford	Essex Matchplay Billericay 12.00
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