

Friendly Match:

Shenfield CC 5 X1 188 - 5 dec. - Brentwood Table Tennis Club X1 192 - 6.

Ping Pong boys turn us over!

Unfortunately this match had a delayed start - due to a traffic incident close to the Shenfield school ground, and with further match time then lost due to poor weather - this forced skipper Stuart Borman into making a generous declaration once SCC opener John Grant had made his 50 (not out). John who carried his bat throughout the SCC innings had lost his opening partner in the first over - James Prior (2) bowled, but then was ably supported by Richard Hindley (20) - who worked hard to just see off the opening BTTC attack - before then being bowled. Called in from the colts section to keep wicket Joe Murray (5) was just settling in when caught out, bringing Amin Levitt to the crease. A quick fire 51 moved the SCC total forward, before getting caught behind by the BTTC wkt keeper after the slightest of edges. With the rain now closing in Steve Fletcher (6) was trapped for LBW, with Julian Gooding (3 not out) and being in the middle to support John Grant as he finalised a well deserved 50. This brought about the tea time declaration after 39 overs of 188 - 5 as the rain set in.

SCC Batting Grant 50 n/o. - J Prior (2). - R. Hindley (20). - J. Murray (5), - E. Levitt (5), - Fletcher (6), - J. Gooding (3 n/o).

BTTC response after the tea interval was swift. David Moon made a quick 31 before being bowled. Gary Ward (who the previous season had reached 99 against the 4th X1) took little time to reach his 52 (to include 4 x 6s) before being smartly stumped by SCC keeper Joe Murray. Peter Moon came to the crease and when finally dismissed for 20 bring Trevor Carter into batting action. At this stage BTTC side looked in total control, with opener Malcolm Cole still at the crease. However, Malcolm Cole (51) then went to a smart catch by the SCC wicket keeper which brought Peter Farrow to the middle. The new batting partnership were held back then for long periods, before Trevor Carter (5) was caught - bringing Mick Wild in with just 12 runs needed. Peter Farrow (1) was then caught with a wonder catch from James Prior, and with Martin Cole entering the action at No;8 - the BTTC nerves set in. Both batsmen at the crease were now blocking, and simply waiting for any errors/runs to come. The SCC bowling attack now being led by Ian Pratt could sense another wicket could still give them hope - as the BTTC tail enders were looking very shaky. However a lucky combination of thick edges, the ball in the air - but not going to hand - allowed the visitors to limp over the line recording 192-6.

SCC Bowling: Grant: 5 overs 1- 39. - Prior: 9.4 overs 2-42. - Ian Pratt: 9 overs 2-62. - Levitt: 5 overs 1-34.

Thanks - great day.

A very big thank you to club supporter Steve Neal whose prematch work made this game possible - erecting a pitch side marquee for the teams use, and then taking it down at the end of the game. To SCC clubbar manger Ian Pratt for all the running around in the morning to get the game started, and to social member Bill Barker for his constant humour and support. Also to the BTTC side - a very sociable crowd, who enjoyed a great evening back at the club house and will be visiting us again next term. They asked when will they be playing the SCC sixths... perhaps not just yet, but you never know what the future holds!