

3rd July

U11 Cup

Shenfield U11A 69-8 beat Writtle 65-9 by 4 runs

Cooper 14

Robson 12

Farmer 11

Newton 4-13 from 4

The U11As progressed to the semi finals of the cup with a hard fought win over Writtle.

After being put into bat SCC were 31-3 after 7 overs. Cooper's fine form continued with an array of shots around the picturesque Brookweald for his 14 runs. 2 wickets then fell in the 8th on a deck of very uneven bounce - several balls staying low and unplayable through the innings. Farmer and Robson were the other batsmen of note scoring 11 and 12 respectively, coming in at 5th and 8th to hold the innings together. Robson and Dymond combined to add a crucial 10 runs in the last over to post a decent total SCC could defend. Only Adam Robson really got to grips with the uneven bounce. It was also a valuable lesson for all to realise the benefits of patience when playing over 20 overs V 4 overs terrier cricket.

With Writtle needing 3.5 an over SCC needed to contain the opening pair and operate well as a fielding unit. Most spectators agreed it was not a day for spinners, but what do we know as Ballington clean bowled Adams with his first ball using spin.. A cautious field out to the boundary allowed Writtle to pick up singles and be slightly ahead on run rate at 37-1 after 9 overs. Cue for Newton to tempt the 2nd opener to edge a fine catch to Stoffer behind the stumps before clean bowling another 2 balls later in the 10th. A fine clean bowled effort from Rappolt in the 11th left the opposition on 40-4. Ballington set a more aggressive field coming into the 13th to try and cut off the quick singles. Writtle to their credit kept plugging away and kept in touch at 3 an over. Coming into the last over they needed 8 to win. Throwing caution to the wind, a simple run out followed by 2 more wickets for Newton sealed Writtle's fate. The feeling afterwards was definitely one of 'we got away with it'.

SCC will face Brentwood or Chelmsford at home in the semi final.