

29th April 2011

Shenfield U16s v Braintree U16s

40 over match (friendly)

Shenfield 154 for 8 (40 overs)

Braintree 112 all out (35 overs)

Shenfield celebrated the Royal Wedding Day with their Under 16s beating Braintree by 46 runs in a well contested pre-season friendly.

Shenfield won the toss and elected to bat on a home pitch that resembled the famous Lords' slope. They found the going tough early on, being reduced to 23 for 3. However a stubborn stand of 71 by James Baker and Alex Rickenbach settled the innings. Late runs from Ben Loader helped the home side reach 154 for 8 after their 40 overs, with Baker reaching 50 in the last over.

Braintree openers Jones and Chalk started their innings at a high pace but were separated by a Matt Jenkins wicket. Two wickets by captain Henry Austin put Shenfield on top. Braintree's hopes of revival were squashed when Rickenbach's sharp spin removed Chalk for 42. Further wickets from Jenkins (3 for 23), Pratt, Perham-Marchant and Campbell wrapped up the visitor's innings for 112 in the 35th over.