

3rd July

U16 Matchplay Group 4

Hutton won by 5 wickets

Shenfield 128 all out (35.4 overs)

Hutton 130 for 5 (26 overs)

Hutton won the local derby by a convincing 5 wicket margin in the 7th round of group games in the Essex Matchplay.

Shenfield's total of 128 looked to be at least 40 runs short on a reasonable Shenfield track that occasionally presented a ball that kept low. The Shenfield openers, Ballington and Baker established a good start to their innings, scoring 18 without loss in the first 6 overs. However they were unable to disrupt Franklin (7 overs 1 for 14) or Fenn (7 overs 1 for 23) - the second set of 6 overs resulted in only 12 runs. The final 8 overs before the drinks break saw Shenfield scoring at about 5 runs per over as Rickenbach (35 off 49 balls) and Pratt (17 off 24 balls) set after the bowling. After Austin was trapped LBW, Brooking, Moreton, Castell and Cooper all played short cameos, scoring a combined 27 off 39 balls. Alex Perham Marchant and Charlie Aldridge looked to bat out the remaining 6 overs, but a leading edge finished the Shenfield innings.

Hutton's reply only wobbled once, when spinner Rickenbach dismissed Spires with a shooter to put the visitors on 11 for 1. Hutton's number 3, Chris Steinberg, waited for half volleys and short deliveries, scoring 63 including eleven fours and one six. At no point did Shenfield concede but Hutton reached their target with 14 overs to spare.