

U16 Matchplay 40 overs competition

10th July

Hainault and Clayhall 103 all out (39.3 overs)

Shenfield 107 for 6 (34 overs)

Shenfield won by 4 wickets.

Shenfield beat Hainault and Clayhall by 4 wickets in a low scoring encounter at Oakfield.

Shenfield won the toss and chose to field first as a precaution against possible showers shortening the game. The Hainault top order batsmen constantly looked to work the ball to the leg side. The Shenfield skipper, Austin, strengthened the leg side and asked the bowlers to attack the stumps. Brooking, Aldridge and Austin himself obliged, removing the H&C top four for 43 runs off 18 overs. Raval and Rizwan threatened to get Hainault back into the game but both fell in their 20s whilst trying to accelerate. By the time the Shenfield spinners cleaned up the tail, Hainault had posted a score that was maybe 60 runs short of par.

Shenfield's reply was always up with the run rate, despite the slow outfield. However the regular fall of wickets kept Hainault in contention. First XI spinner, Raval, pinned Shenfield down, but could only take 1 wicket in his spell of 8 overs as the field remained on the defensive. Once Raval had bowled his 8 overs Shenfield picked up the pace and won with 6 overs to spare.