

### **Collingbourne Lose after close finish**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May Collingbourne played host to Chippenham 3rds in there 3<sup>rd</sup> Wilts league division 3 game of the season. Collingbourne won the toss and elected to field first on what was expected to be a bowler friendly wet wicket, however this wasn't the case. Chippenham amassed a competitive total of 253 for 4 from there 45 overs with C.Williams (61), A.Merryweather (62) and O.Goodway (55) causing majority of the damage. Only veteran all rounder Graham Chandler offered any real hope for Collingbourne with figures of 2 wickets for 28 runs from 6 overs.

In response Collingbourne took to the task in hand but found it hard work. Openers Chandler and Charlie Knight (20) shared a partnership of 41 before Knight was given out LBW. Chandler found himself struggling for support as Collingbourne fell to 84 for 5 until Mark Bateman batting down the order due to a leg injury gave the innings some much needed impetus. Chandler and Bateman shared a 120 run stand to offer Collingbourne hope and they found themselves needing 50 runs from the last 5 overs. In trying to reach the total Chandler finally lost his wicket caught on 45 after playing a gutsy 40 over innings against some tight aggressive bowling. Bateman tried his hardest for the team finishing with a score of 101 not out from 74 balls but it wasn't quite enough and Collingbourne fell short by 19 runs with bowler I.Charles giving Collingbourne the most to think about. (12 overs, 1 wicket for 67 runs)