**EULCC v Aberystwyth guarantee**

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Are we going on tour?

With the match all the way in Aberystwyth the team travelled up to Cardiff Friday night, with a further 2 hour drive to get to the ground, a bright early start was in order the following morning. On the way to the match, a chorus of boos echoed around the bus, particularly from Lottie Miles, as we passed a purple house!!!!! Booooo.

Aberystwyth won the toss and elected to field and so EULCC were sent into bat first for the second week running. Captain Rippin had a plan of action though, to bat out the first lot of overs, taking the shine off the ball so that Lottie could come in and smash the ball around....so Pencil (26) and Cat Hollinghurst (28) got things off to a start, picking up a nice 50 run partnership. Abi Davis came in at number 3 and got a fast 25. Jess’ plan seemed to have been working well, and in came Lottie Miles to partner debutee fresher Zoe Burrell. Things weren’t looking great when Lottie was dropped on 1 run, however things could only go one way from then on, with Lottie hitting numerous 6s and 4s scoring a grand total of 162\* not out, ably assisted by Zoe (56\*) who was superb in her first match for EULCC. The batting was much better than in the previous game with the team seeing out all 50 overs, reaching a huge total of 364-3.

With the weather reverting to normal welsh weather of wind and rain, the bowling was interrupted after just 2 overs. The match was on hold for a while, whilst the rain poured down. When the rain finally stopped Exeter got in another 12 overs bowled by Abi and Lottie. There was some spectacular fielding on the slippery pitch with debutee Jenny Frost performing a brilliant sliding dive to stop a ball which looked destined for the boundary. And a special mention to Kelly who stepped in as wicket keeper, doing a super job behind the stumps! Aberystwyth reached 47-1 and the match was called to an end due to rain, giving EULCC their 4th victory of the season!

 The team then embarked on the long journey back to Exeter, which somehow took over 6 hours! After going round a roundabout 3 times whilst the sat nav loaded, taking a scenic tour of Wales, and the interruption of the horse in the road....

Thank you to Zoe, Jen and Lizzie Adams who made their EULCC debuts, all doing a great job! EG’s beautiful scoring was again a highlight and also how could we forget Kat’s birthday....

Another great performance by everyone, next match is against Bath on Wednesday 18th May, where EULCC will attempt to continue their unbeaten season.