**EULCC v Bath**

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Exeter University Ladies Cricket Team continued their outstanding season with a comprehensive victory over Bath. After winning the toss, Bath sent Exeter in to bat first. Just as the top 4 had padded up the rain began, and the match was called to a halt, even before a ball had been bowled. The rain resumed for a while and the team took shelter in the score hut whilst the captains and umpires decided what to do. Finally the rain stopped, the sunshine came out and the ground began to dry up, the umpires decided that the much must be reduced to a 20-20 due to the time lost due to rain.

Exeter went into bat and the run rate picked up quickly, using the slippery outfield to their advantage. Some good running between the wickets also helped towards to end score of 140-4 from the 20 overs. Lottie Miles was again top scorer with 53 and great performances from Hannah Clarke(24), Lydia Armitage(26) and the injured captain Jess Rippin (11). A high target was set for Bath with a run rate of just of 7+ an over needed if they were to get anywhere near Exeter’s target.

The changeover was quick with rain threatening to ruin the match and Exeter went into bowl. Another strong performance was again evident by all who bowled, with Katy Dennis picking up 4 wickets in an impressive bowling spell, debutee Zoe Crouch and Hannah Burgin also picking up 2 wickets each. The pick of the fielding was an amazing catch at silly mid off by Lottie Miles, who managed to get her body behind a fierce cover drive, keeping hold of it, getting out Bath’s opening batswomen. Hannah Clarke was again solid behind the stumps, nicknamed lightening for her super fast reactions, including a great stumping and run out. Cat Hollinghurst got to bowl her first over for EULCC after 3 years and troubled the batters with her lovely spin bowling! Bath finally finished on 85-8 off the 20 overs, giving EULCC their 5th win of the season!

Captain Rippin was pleased with the team’s performance, ‘A very well done to everyone who battled the elements and fought for a well deserved victory against Bath, let’s hope we can continue our top form into the next match and beyond.’

This gives Exeter a 100% winning record and a home spot in the BUCS semi finals on the 8th June at Topsham! The next match is on Wednesday 25th May against our closest rivals Brighton.