**EULCC beat Aberystwyth**

**By Hannah ‘Pencil’ Burgin**

After the long disappointing trip down to Brighton on Wednesday everyone was eagerly awaiting the match against Aberystwyth. With rain forecast for the weekend, the match could have been another cancelled one, fortunately the rain held off and the match went ahead! The team had a few changes, with the introduction of Jenny Friend, E-G and Jacko making their 2011 debuts.

Aberystwyth won the toss and elected to field first, sending Exeter in to bat. After the team’s solid innings against Bath great things were expected. However the run rate was quite slow and wickets fell quickly. Captain Rippin came in at number 4, again showing her batting prowess with a solid score of 35. However this score may have been more if it wasn’t for an arm injury sustained during a perfect text book straight drive! Jenny Friend stepped up to the crease, casual as you like, hitting balls left right and centre, (not bad for someone who doesn’t come to training! ) racking up a nice score of 19. The run rate increased slightly but the score was far off the previous total against Bath. The rest of the team did not fare as well as Jess and Jenny in the windy conditions, and with the Aberystwyth bowling on target there were more ducks than at the quay.....Exeter were eventually all out after 32 overs for 117.

Bowling was again impressive this week with every bower picking up at least one wicket, with particularly good performances from fresher Pencil getting 3 wickets for just 3 runs off 7 overs and Kat (playing again on her birthday!) picking up 3 wickets for 7 runs off 3 overs.

The pick of the fielding was a superb ‘apple’ catch from Katy Dennis, plucking the ball out of the air when it seemed to be heading for the clouds, utilising her height well. A tight fielding performance from everyone saw the match draw to a close after 27 overs with Aberystwyth all out for 37. Great team spirit throughout the match and especially the beautiful South African accent of Lydia kept everyone on their toes.

Another top class performance and as Matt keeps reminding us one step closer to Lords....maybe just focus on the next game for now hey! Away to Aberystwyth this Saturday, let’s hope for another great performance and another win to add to our unbeaten season so far ☺

Exeter Ladies play in the Southern Premier Division along with Bath, Brighton and Aberystwyth. With training throughout the summer term, if you’re looking for a summer sport then look no further. We are always on the lookout for new players and with a high performance first team as well as a comprehensive beginners set up there really is something for everyone. Please contact kd262 or kw254 for more details.