

Wargrave vs HURLEY 1XI – 25th July 2009

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	lbw b Walker	3
D Simoes	st Woods b Thomas	77
D Day	c Lunn b Robinson	2
T Balchin	b Robinson	0
N Akhtar	b Robinson	30
F Hussain	c Walker b Thomas	4
D Forrest	lbw b Amor	0
S Draper	b Amor	3
P Todd	lbw b Thomas	5
M Cole	Not Out	30
A Ridgeway	Not Out	1
	Extras	33
	Total	188-9

WARGRAVE

C Lunn	lbw b A Ridgeway	17
M Kind	lbw b Hussain	98
J Noah	lbw b Hussain	5
N Robinson	c Simoes b Balchin	22
F Lanch	c Akhtar b P Ridgeway	6
A Amor	c Akhtar b Balchin	7
J Moss	Not Out	20
R Jones	c Day b A Ridgeway	0
A Woods	Not Out	2
	Extras	12
	Total	189-7

F Hussain	9.3-0-38-2	M Cole	3-0-12-0	D Forrest	4-0-24-0
A Ridgeway	9-2-34-2	P Ridgeway	7-1-30-1		
N Akhtar	6-1-13-0	T Balchin	8-1-28-2		

Hurley slipped to their second successive defeat away at Wargrave on Saturday in a well balanced encounter dominated by two outstanding innings. Hurley won the toss and took the bold decision to bat first despite the recent fragility of their batting and the fielding of three colts. Almost predictably, wickets were whipped out faster than Manchester City's cheque book. Phil Ridgeway's big stride failed to convince the umpire and he disappeared for 3, Denis Day (2) shovelled down gully and Trevor Balchin (0) mistimed Robinson (3-48) and Hurley were in familiar territory of 20-3. Dave Simoes (77) and Naeem Akhtar (30) then played a measured partnership of 80, but it took Hurley 36 overs to reach 100. However, with wickets in hand the accelerator was pushed. Simoes was adjudged run out having reached 50 but after some consultation the Wargrave skipper Scott Walker sportingly called the diminutive batter back, but by then most of his kit had hit the clubhouse wall. Dave Forrest paid the penalty and fell lbw next ball. Hurley exchanged wickets for runs and added 88 in the last 16 overs thanks to a brilliant 77 from Simoes and a late order slog from Mike Cole (30 not).

Alex Ridgeway (2-34) is making a habit of removing openers and his in swingers trapped the dangerous Chris Lunn (17) lbw in the 8th over. Matt Kind (98) played beautifully punishing the bad ball but was lucky to survive a confident run out shout when Ridgeway deflected the ball on to the non striker's stumps as much to the surprise of the umpire as the backing up batsman. A drop at slip also proved costly, but Hurley chipped away at the other end to have Wargrave 121-5 and tottering. But Kind and James Moss (20 not) added 64 before Kind fell to yet another lbw, the 6th of the match two short of a well deserved 100 and too late for Hurley as Wargrave got home in the penultimate over by 3 wickets. In a match generally played in good spirit it was disappointing to have so many controversial decisions.