

Kidmore End U/11 93 for 1. Hurley U/11 94 for 1.

Hurley U11 took to the field for the first game of the 2011 season against Kidmore End Kestrels on a dark and gloomy night at Shepherds Lane. Having lost the toss Hurley were asked to field and faced an opening partnership of a county left-handed opener and a solid right handed batsman. Both of these had to retire at 25 but the score was pegged back by the accuracy of all 8 bowlers we used. Our solitary wicket was an excellent caught behind by Matthew Savage off the bowling of Joe Graham. Extras were a fraction of the number conceded last year and the fielding was superb by everyone - long barriers everywhere you looked and nobody fazed by the hard ball which was flying around. Kidmore closed on 93-1.

The Hurley response started badly when Joe Graham lost his off stump to a very quick ball in the second over, and with the fading light and speed of the bowling things were looking tough. However an excellent partnership between David Morgans and Bill Craig who both retired took Hurley within range of their target. Morgans played steadily and ran well between the wickets whilst Craig played aggressively and hit 5 boundaries in his 25. It was left to Chris Dawkins and Matthew Savage to take Hurley home with 5 overs to spare, Dawkins striking 24 off 19 balls with a 6 over square leg the highlight of his innings. Hurley closed on 94-1.

Our first ever victory at this level which you guys should be proud of. This performance was excellent and everyone in the team contributed, let's see if we can keep this up next week against M&B. Thanks to all my helpers on the night and let's hope it's a bit warmer next time we take to the field.