

HURLEY 2nd v Wargrave 2nd

Date: 28th May

Played at Wargrave

Innings of Wargrave 2nd

M. Townson		b. Riaz	28
D. Davies	LBW	b. Riaz	105
S. Jeffrey	LBW	b. Riaz	0
F. Lanch	LBW	b. Pollitt	0
J. Moss	c. Riaz	b. Hunjan	20
J. Clark	c. Taylor	b. Hunjan	15
K. Clark		b. Fernando	43
P. Norris		b. Riaz	2
H. Thomas	Not out		21
T. Doughty		b. Pollitt	4
S. Morton		b. Pollitt	0
		Extras	27
		Total	265
		For	10

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
P. Hunjan	10	0	66	2
D. Pollitt	13	3	37	3
S. Riaz	14	1	69	4
I. Arshad	4	0	35	0
D. Walton	3	0	21	0
N. Fernando	4	1	21	1

Innings of Hurley

M. Walton	LBW	b. Thomas	5
S. Riaz	c. Morton	b. Jeffrey	20
S. Taylor	Not out		113
P. Hunjan		b. Thomas	0
C. Williams	c. K. Clark	b. J. Clark	0
I. Arshad	c. K. Clark	b. J. Clark	0
J. Dawson	c. Lanch	b. J. Clark	14
N. Fernando	Run out		1
D. Pollitt		b. Lanch	0
D. Walton	Not out		0
		Extras	22
		Total	175
		For	8

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
H. Thomas	10	5	38	2
S. Jeffrey	12	5	22	1
J. Clark	11	1	51	3
S. Morton	5	1	11	0
D. Davies	4	0	14	0
F. Lanch	4	1	19	1
T. Doughty	2	0	7	0

Result: Match Drawn.

Wargrave 2nds were once again frustrated by Hurley in a Chilterns League match. Hurley were up against it from the start; with only 10 men, two of which were late arriving, the visitors had to take to the field with only 7 players as Wargrave insisted on Hurley providing an umpire. Unsurprisingly Matt Townson (28) and Dan Davies (105) made the most of the gaps in the field to post 63 for the first wicket in 11 overs. Shobab Riaz (4-69) took a couple of overs to build up to his full pace before shaving Townson's off stump and following up two balls later with a full pitched delivery to trap Steve Jeffrey plumb in front. Not to be outdone, Dave Pollitt accounted for Freddie Lanch and suddenly it was not all plain sailing for the batsmen. James Moss (20) was dropped by the keeper off a rearing delivery from Riaz but failed to take advantage, skying Parvinder Hunjan to deep square-leg, where Riaz held on to a difficult catch in the swirling wind. Ken Clark employed the cross bat to good effect, helping his side to maximum batting points before a shooter from Nally Fernando took out his leg stump. With rain starting to fall, Wargrave passed 250 in the 45th over, but surprisingly did not declare. Dave Pollitt (3-37) wrapped up the tail as the hosts finished on 265 all out after 48 overs.

A vital four overs were lost to the rain at the start of the Hurley innings. Wargrave opted to open their attack with Huw Thomas and Steven Jeffery, utilising the old ball. Riaz (20) and Mike Walton (5) reached twenty-nine without alarm, when Walton was adjudged leg before to the slow left armer Thomas despite edging the ball onto his pads. Riaz and Hunjan both fell without further addition to the score before a devastating over from Jack Clark with the new ball dismissed Clive Williams (0) and Imran Arshad (0) with consecutive deliveries, both caught behind. From 39 for 5 there was no way back for Hurley and a draw was the only option. Steve Taylor (113*) and Jeff Dawson (14) added 104 for the sixth wicket, with Taylor consistently manipulating the strike as Wargrave became a little ragged in the field. With the fielding side becoming increasingly frustrated by Dawson's solid defence, Clark was brought back into the attack and forced a leading edge from Dawson which was well snaffled at short extra by Lanch. After the run out of Fernando, unable to respond quickly enough when sent back by Taylor, Taylor eased to a well deserved century. Lanch produced a fine delivery to dismiss Pollitt leaving Taylor and Dave Walton to defy Wargrave for 16 deliveries. A boundary from Taylor off the final delivery off the match gave Hurley another batting point and left Wargrave wondering what might have been if they'd had the courage to declare.