

Binfield U9s 219-6 lost to Hurley 272-4 by 53 runs

On a sweltering Monday evening, the Hurley U9s lions took to the field against the diminutive cubs of Binfield.

Having won the toss and decided to bat, Binfield struggled against some very accurate bowling from Hurley and had a hard time scoring boundaries throughout their innings.

Supported by solid fielding and good catching, all members excelled, with Will Shedden bowling straighter than an arrow, conceding -5 from his two overs, whilst taking two wickets. Who says negative is bad; Jem, Ollie and Blake followed suit, but a tremendous effort by all to restrict Binfield to 219 to 6.

With their (Binfield) manager's criticisms ringing in their (and my) ears, Binfield were greeted by the opening pair of Blake and Jem, batting as if they had spent their formative years together, sprinting happily between the wickets, whilst thrashing the ball to the boundary to post 29 from their three overs and put Hurley in a strong position, scoring 10 and 15 respectively.

An astonishing catch from a six year old Binfield player from Ollie Dawkins kept Hurley in check, but intelligent batting from Dylan and Archie, looking like a pair of tennis players from a bygone era, played to the scoreboard lead, to protect their wicket, followed by the silent assassins Will and Aaryan, watching the wides go by, to ease Hurley to a comfortable victory by 53 runs.