

Hurley U9s 278 for 2 (20pts) beat Sonning 240 for 7 by 38 runs (0pts)

On a muggy morning, Sonning won the toss and inserted Hurley on a 'pitch' that brought back memories of jumpers for goalposts from a bygone era with no markings for the pitch, and no cut pitch. With temperamental bounce in play early, the opening partnership of Louis and Ollie put 20 on the board, with strong hitting and confident running between the wickets.

Despite testing times in the middle order, the value of losing only two wickets paid huge dividends with Hurley able to build a commanding total, thanks to Ewan (8) and James (7) performing well. A tremendous team effort followed, and with William and Jem crashing twenty six from the last three overs. On top of his game today was Jem with 14 runs, but top marks all round on how to build a total.

We've all heard of the lean, mean grilling machine and the Hurley bowling attack lived up to that name.

Never letting Sonning get a look into the game, and with the opposition coach saying 'that the best bowling attack in the league', Ollie, Jem, Theo, Yajur, Louis, and Aaryan restricted Sonning to six runs from their opening six overs, with the loss of four wickets. The talented Creighton and Barton from Sonning gave their team hope, but excellent catching and support bowling from Dylan and James kept Sonning at bay. Hopes were extinguished by a wicket maiden from Theo, which resulted in best bowling of the day (2 overs, 1 wicket, and -3 runs conceded) and a tidy last over from Jem, for Hurley to run out victors by 38 runs, with one game at home to Royal Ascot next week.

Well done all!