

Ascot U9s 233 for 7 lost to Hurley U9s 261 for 3 by 28 runs

On a miserable summer's day the Hurley lions took to the field against Ascot, in a game that brought out blood, sweat, tears, as well as cold hands, wet faces and slippery shoes. With a reshuffled team, many had obviously seen the weather coming and took off to warmer weather.

Having won the toss, Hurley inserted Ascot into bat and made the perfect start with a wicket first ball, and another to follow a few balls later from Ollie Dawkins.

However, with the middle order managing well to keep the straight ball out, and with the hugely talented 'Bryony' hitting three fours in her total of fifteen, Ascot were able to recover to 227 off the first seven overs.

Some tremendous fielding and hitting the stumps kept Ascot well in check, with only 6 runs coming from the next 8 overs, to reach a total of 233 for 7. Hard to pick a shining light, in a constellation of stars, but Ollie (2 overs, 2 wickets, -5 runs conceded), Oliver Cheeseman (2 overs, 2 wickets, -2 runs conceded) and Ewan (2 overs, 1 wicket, 0 runs conceded) shone but well done to everyone who stepped in at short notice to perform so superbly.

With 34 required to win, the task seemed well with the hands of Hurley. However, they had not accounted for 'wonder woman', Bryony who bowled impeccably to take 3 wickets in four balls, from her 1st over. With much to do, Hurley batted sensibly from this stage onwards, not losing any further wickets and batting sensibly to work towards their total as the wides, and downpours became more prevalent. Top scorers were Luca (on his debut)(4) and Jem(4) and Jack(3) who played the last few overs superbly to subdue 'Bryony', before she is off to save a planet far, far away probably. The middle batting pairs, performed excellently to keep the ball out and accumulate runs through wides; top team Dylan and Luca (16 runs in three overs).

The end of the league campaign has brought four wins and four losses, which is a magnificent effort and we can all see progress week by week, so well done to all parties.