

HURLEY 2nd v Taplow 2nd

Date: 10th September

Played at Taplow

Innings of Taplow 2nd

D. Barton	c. &	b. E. Hussain	45
M. Newman		b. Riaz	20
L. Andrews		b. Riaz	0
D. Heaton		b. Taylor	53
A. Gani	c. Williams	b. D. Walton	8
G. Lightfoot		b. D. Walton	3
R. Court		b. Taylor	0
A. Bond	Run out	(Taylor)	0
J. Heaton	c. M. Hussain	b. D. Walton	0
D. Mehmood	Not out		2
		Extras	15
		Total	146
		For	9

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
S. Riaz	6	2	16	2
D. Wright	5	1	16	0
M. Hussain	7	1	40	0
E. Hussain	5	1	28	1
D. Walton	6	0	16	3
S. Taylor	4	1	16	2

Innings of Hurley 2nd

S. Riaz	c. Court	b. Newman	52
M. Walton	c. Court	b. D. Heaton	28
S. Taylor	Not out		45
M. Hussain		b. D. Heaton	0
C. Williams	Not out		7
E. Hussain)		
D. Wright)		
D. Walton)-dnb		
H. Mansell)		
		Extras	18
		Total	150
		For	3

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.
J. Heaton	4	0	41	0
D. Mehmood	8	2	30	0
M. Newman	6	1	24	1
A. Bond	2	0	10	0
A. Gani	4	0	12	0
L. Andrews	6	2	18	0
D. Heaton	2	0	6	2

Result: Hurley won by 7 wickets.

Due to two late withdrawals, one due to work and the other due to over indulgence of alcoholic drink, Hurley turned up for a friendly at Taplow with only nine players. With both teams having won one game each during their two league meetings this season, bragging rights were up for grabs in this decider.

Mike Walton won the toss and invited the hosts to bat first. The opening pair struggled against the fierce pace of Shobab Riaz, showing a reluctance to get into line. The opening partnership reached 33 from 9 overs before Riaz ripped out Matt Newman's middle stump and followed up by bowling Les Andrew with his next delivery. David Heaton (53) survived the hat trick ball and together with Dale Barton (45) added 59 for the third wicket. Ejaz Hussain broke the partnership with a fine, one handed catch off his own bowling to dismiss Barton. Gani attempted a 'Dill Scoop' off Dave Walton (3-16), only succeeding in lobbing the ball to Clive Williams at short fine leg. Two wickets in successive deliveries from Steve Taylor (2-16) precipitated a collapse from 144 for 4 to 146 all out. The last wicket also fell to Taylor by way of a run out as Andy Bond was called for an impossible single by Danny Mehmood.

The Hurley reply started in blistering fashion as Riaz blasted 52 from 45 deliveries in an opening partnership of 69 in 11 overs. When Riaz fell, caught behind off Matt Newman, Steve Taylor joined his skipper in the middle and although the run rate tailed off a touch the pair batted solidly to steer Hurley towards victory. Only nine more runs were required when Dave Heaton had Walton (28) caught behind. Mesome Hussain fell for his second consecutive duck, but Clive Williams (7*) and Taylor (45*) saw Hurley home without further alarm, with eight overs to spare.