

HURLEY 1XI vs Littlewick Green – 7th May 2011

LITTLEWICK GREEN

S Fuller	b Louw	1
P Horne	Not Out	46
M Hickman	c Nye b Akhtar	15
A Hurley	b Akhtar	10
W Green	c Moore b Akhtar	0
J Lucey	c Akhtar b Ridgeway	6
D Horne	b Nye	9
S Leary	c Nye b Cole	1
M Turner	b Cole	0
C Symonds	c Simoes b Akhtar	10
D Lucey	lbw Louw	0
	Extras	7
	Total	105ao

M Cole	11-5-17-2	P Ridgeway	10-5-15-1
C Louw	11-2-35-2	R Brown	5-1-20-0
N Akhtar	9-4-12-4	D Nye	3-2-1-1

HURLEY

P Ridgeway	Retired Hurt	0
D Simoes	Not Out	29
D Nye	b Leary	64
T Moore	Not Out	8
T Balchin		
N Akhtar		
R Brown		
C Louw		
D Day		
M Cole		
P Todd		
	Extras	7
	Total	108-1

Claps of thunder and heavy rain cleared by midday Saturday allowing Hurley to raise stumps on time, win a crucial toss and ask visitors Littlewick Green to bat first on a damp but playable deck. Clemens Louw (2-35) pegged back Simon Fuller's middle stump with his first delivery and Littlewick cautiously moved to 29 from 11 overs before Hickman (15) chipped to mid off, the first of skipper Naeem Akhtar's 4 victims (4-12). Only opener Pat Horne (46not) had any answer to the excellent Hurley bowling and damp conditions, carrying his bat. But Littlewick could only limp to 105 all out from 49 overs despite a lively 9th wicket stand of 20 between Horne and Chris Symonds (10) aided by 3 dropped catches in one Mike Cole over. Akhtar inevitably broke this defiant stand with Symonds driving to mid off where Dave Simoes nonchalantly pounced the catch. In strode 12 year old D Lucey to be greeted apologetically with a ball that flew over his diminutive stature. Third ball, Louw trapped him lbw.

A surprisingly benign pitch suddenly spat venom third ball of the Hurley innings as Symonds found one to rear off a length into the mouth of Phil Ridgeway. Blood mingled with the pitch as Ridgeway retired with a mangled front set of ivories. Dave Simoes (29not) played some delightful drives while Dean Nye (64) punched like a young Joey. These two added 97 in 22 overs as Hurley bounded to victory. Simon Leary (1-13) found one to drift and cut in surprising Nye who left the ball only to lose his off peg. That was to be the end of the wickets for Littlewick as Hurley cruised to a 9 wicket win inside 25 overs and launch their Chilterns League season.